

# Bethel Bible Series

## Disharmony

Week 3

### Welcome & Announcements

Be sure to sign-in on a sheet in the hall  
Roll Call - Introduce yourself to someone and tell them your favorite picture concept so far.  
Recite together all 39 books of the Old Testament

### Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

## Review of Last Week

Think Hebrew - Look for the CARGO, Don't focus on the VEHICLE (words, stories)

How would a Hebrew describe God? = Sung by David when God saved him from his enemies & Saul  
Psalm 18:2 = My rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, salvation

What are some forms of Literary Media? = Ask class to respond

Historical Reporting	- Straight events the way they happened
Poetry	- Poetic description of an event or message
Personification	- Inanimate objects given human qualities
Fable	- Makes a moral point using a fictional story
Allegory	- One action or thing is symbolic of another
Imagery & Symbolism	- Figurative language

Genesis 1 - Creation and its Concepts = Have someone present

*Hands lifting the earth out of hazy mist* = God created the heavens and the earth  
*Halo of white light circling the earth* = God created all things good  
*Fingers opened on the right hand* = God relinquished the earth to humankind as a gift  
*White links attached to the arms and globe* = God binds Himself to His creation  
*Lettered banner flying on the earth* = God claims ownership of all that He's fashioned  
*Figure grasping staff* = Humankind, too, is owned by God  
*Banner furling around figure* = Man has freedom within limits  
*Halo of light behind figures' heads* = Mankind was fashioned in the image and likeness of God  
*Figures holding crowns* = Man is the crown of God's creation  
*Four jewels in crowns* = God put man in garden to work and take care of the earth  
*Jewel 1* = To replenish the earth (Multiply)  
*Jewel 2* = To subdue the earth (Make Use)  
*Jewel 3* = To dress, till and keep the earth (Take Care)  
*Jewel 4* = To have dominion over the earth (Take Charge)

Genesis 2 - Divine Intentions = Ask class

*Garden* = Paradise  
*Note banner extended from heavens* = God wanted Perfect Harmony for His creation  
*Four mountain peaks* = God intended a four-fold harmony for man  
*Raised arms of figures* = Harmony with God  
*Banner enfolding figures* = Harmony with self – also joyful countenance & posture  
*Clasped arms of figures* = Harmony with others  
*Banner flowing through peaceful lake scene* = Harmony with nature  
*Figures with faces lifted upward* = Harmony is contingent upon obedience with God  
*Halos behind figures' heads* = Made in God's image, man was able to perfectly obey God's will

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What Happened to God's Divine Intentions = Show Picture

*Broken Note* = God's Divine Intention of Perfect Harmony is mutilated

Other Views of Reason for Disharmony

New Age Movement = Unity Church, Shirley MacLaine

Problem is = *There is no sin*

Gnostics = Reveal the hidden knowledge to free self from evil material world

*Gnosis* = "knowledge" & into the pure spiritual world

"We are our own gods"

Sin = only a part of the imaginary material world

Get into your mind & spirit = to escape the illusion of sin

Dualist = Matter is bad, Spirit is good

Problem is = Physical

Remove evil matter = so that only pure spirit is left

Rationalist = Everything can be rationalized

Problem is = Incorrect Thoughts

Need to think right = and we'll achieve harmony

Humanist = Man is master of his own destiny

Problem is = Immaturity

Over time, man will learn = & build a utopian world without conflict

"We're getting better every day"

Determinist = A person's nature is determined by heredity & environment

Problem is = Society

Behavior results from circumstances beyond our control, We aren't responsible for our actions

God-Blamer = God's responsible for everything right & wrong with creation

Problem is = God's fault

God screwed up when he made humans = We'd be perfect if he'd done it right

Christian

Problem is = SIN

*Figure facing away from outstretched hand* = Disobedience leads to disharmony

Upon what was God's Perfect Harmony contingent? = Study 2 Picture

*Figure facing hand of God* = Harmony contingent upon obedience

What Is Sin? (Divine Drama 21A) = List answers from class on board

Sin (1) = Archery term for "Miss the target"

Hebrew *hata'* = Fall short of divine standards

Greek *hamartia* = Man's nature of moral fault

Trespass (2) = Walk in forbidden places

Hebrew *'Avon* = Deviate from divine standard

Transgress (3) = Go beyond a specified limit, Cross over the line

Hebrew *pasha'* = Man's revolt against God's standards or Will

Lawlessness (4) = An attitude of contempt for God's Law

Greek *adikia* = Wrongdoing, Unrighteousness, Injustice

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### Revolt

*Outstretched arms of central figure* = Man revolts against God and his "limited freedom"

Question a – Genesis 3 suggests that Adam & Eve were unaware of God-given limits to their freedom

True or False? = False

Genesis 3:1-3 = Eve told the serpent the limits God had set

Question b – Genesis 3 implies that the first humans wanted to decide good and bad for themselves

True or False? = True

Genesis 3:4-5 = You will know good & evil when you eat

Question c – Genesis 3 indicates that such a prerogative belongs only to God

True or False? = True

Genesis 3:11 = Who said you were naked? Did you eat?

Question d – Genesis 3 shows Adam & Eve discontent with their limits and wanting to be like God

True or False? = True

Genesis 3:6 = Eve saw it was desirable for wisdom & they ate, Adam also

Question e – Genesis 3 clearly reveals nothing less than a human revolt against God

True or False? = True

Did Adam & Eve willfully & deliberately revolt? = Yes, 3:6

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*Space between figure and outstretched hand* = Disobedience & revolt brings separation from God

What is the result of this revolt? = Separation from God

Genesis 3:23-24 = Man banished from Garden, God can't accept sinners into kingdom

Question f – Genesis 3 suggests that the revolt destroyed God's intent and resulted in disharmony

True or False? = True

*Painful countenance on figure's face* = Disharmony with God

Genesis 3:8 = They hid from God

*Broken note piercing side* = Disharmony with self

Genesis 3:7,10 = They were ashamed of themselves & their nakedness

Contrast with Genesis 2:25 = They were naked & felt no shame

*Broken note striking other figure* = Disharmony with others

Genesis 3:11-13 = Man blamed woman, Woman blamed serpent

*Broken note penetrating earth* = Disharmony with nature

Genesis 3:17-19 = Man & nature pitted against each other

*Cracked earth & parched ground* = Disharmony with nature leads to misuse of God's creation

### Disharmonies Today

How do we respond to God after sin? = We avoid & hide from Him

How do we feel about ourselves after sin? = Ashamed

How do we relate with others after sin? = Point blame, pass responsibility

How do our sins (including misuse of creation) affect nature? = Acid rain, toxic waste...

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### Guilt & Sense of Guilt

*Yokelike appearance of broken note* = Sin leaves man with burden of guilt & "sense of guilt"

Guilt = Responsibility given by God when His will is violated

*Funk & Wagnalls* = The fact or condition of having committed a legal or moral offense

Sense of Guilt = What we feel when we violate God's will – or think we have

*Funk & Wagnalls* = A feeling of remorse from a real or imagined commission of an offense

Give examples of Guilt without Sense of Guilt = Driving 60 mph, "White lies"

Give examples of Sense of Guilt without Guilt = Enjoying God's blessings, feeling responsible for other's errors

### Trying to Get Rid of the Sense of Guilt

How do we handle Guilt without Sense of Guilt?

Numbers Method = "Everyone else does it"; Speeding, Cursing, Sex, Drugs

Erasure Method = "God won't hold me responsible for this" – Erase God & His perfect standard

Comparative Method = "Others do alot worse than me. I'm still better than them."

Ledger Method = "I'll do something good to even up the score."

Activity Method = "I'm too busy to think about what I do."

Projection Method = "It's not my fault; the circumstances forced me to do it."

Genesis 3:12 = The woman YOU put here gave it to me – Adam blamed God

None of these effect our Guilt, only our Sense of Guilt

### The Promise

*Large hand in beckoning position* = God didn't abandon sinful man, He gave a promise

Question g – Genesis 3 has no positive notes or signs of hope within it anywhere.

True or False? = False

Genesis 3:15 = First Messianic Prophecy (Promise of a Savior)

*I will put enmity between you and the woman* = Natural hatred where had posed on same side

*and between your offspring* = Satan's legions

*and hers* = Jesus Christ

*He* = Jesus Christ - Note the singular form

*will crush your head* = Christ will destroy Satan (Satan is head of his legions)

*and you will strike his heel* = Satan will attack Christians (Heel is Christ's body)

Romans 8:19 = All of creation waits longingly for the harmony of Christ

### Summary

Review Picture Concepts

### Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 3 and Assignment 4

Next Week - *Pronouncement of a Destiny*