

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 *pesha'* = 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*