

Bethel Bible Series

Disharmony

Study 3

*Morals are being good for goodness' sake.
Humanistic moralism reduces the profoundness of sin to pettiness. PK*

Welcome

Introductions - Identify your least favorite Bible character and why
Memory Review
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?

Psalm 18:2

What are some forms of Literary Media?

Historical Reporting

Poetry

Personification

Fable

Allegory

Imagery and Symbolism

InDepth Research Project: New Testament examples of these different literary styles

Genesis 1 - Creation and its Concepts

Hands lifting the earth out of hazy mist

Halo of white light circling the earth

Fingers opened on the right hand

White links attached to the arms and globe

Lettered banner flying on the earth

Figure grasping staff

Banner furling around figure

Halo of light behind figures' heads

Figures holding crowns

Four jewels in crowns

Jewel 1

Jewel 2

Jewel 3

Jewel 4

Genesis 2 - Divine Intentions

Garden

Note banner extended from heavens

Four mountain peaks

Raised arms of figures

Banner enfolding figures

Clasped arms of figures

Banner flowing through peaceful lake scene

Figures with faces lifted upward

Halos behind figures' heads

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What Happened to God's Divine Intentions

Broken Note

Other Views of Reason for Disharmony

New Age Movement

Problem is

Gnostics

Gnosis

"We are our own gods"

Sin

Get into your mind and spirit

Dualist

Problem is

Remove evil matter

Rationalist

Problem is

Need to think right

Humanist

Problem is

Over time, man will learn

"We're getting better every day"

Determinist

Problem is

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

Undercuts moral responsibility

God-Blamer

Problem is

God screwed up when he made humans

Christian

Problem is

Figure facing away from outstretched hand

Upon what was God's Perfect Harmony contingent?

Figure facing hand of God

What Is Sin? (Divine Drama 21A)

Sin (1)

Hebrew *hata'*

Greek *hamartia*

Trespass (2)

Hebrew *'Avon*

Transgress (3)

Hebrew *pesha'*

Lawlessness (4)

Greek *adikia*

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Revolt

Outstretched arms of central figure

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

True or False?

Genesis 3:1-3

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

True or False?

Genesis 3:4-5

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

True or False?

Genesis 3:11

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

True or False?

Genesis 3:6

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

True or False?

Did Adam and Eve willfully and deliberately revolt?

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Space between figure and outstretched hand

What is the result of this revolt?

Genesis 3:23-24

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

True or False?

Painful countenance on figure's face

Genesis 3:8

Broken note piercing side

Genesis 3:7, 10

Contrast with Genesis 2:25

Broken note striking other figure

Genesis 3:11-13

Broken note penetrating earth

Genesis 3:17-19

Cracked earth and parched ground

Disharmonies Today

How do we respond to God after sin?

How do we feel about ourselves after sin?

How do we relate with others after sin?

How do our sins (including misuse of creation) affect nature?

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Guilt and Sense of Guilt

Yokelike appearance of broken note

Guilt

Funk & Wagnalls

Sense of Guilt

Funk & Wagnalls

Give examples of Guilt without Sense of Guilt

Give examples of Sense of Guilt without Guilt

Trying to Get Rid of the Sense of Guilt

How do we handle Guilt without Sense of Guilt?

Numbers Method

Erasure Method

Comparative Method

Ledger Method

Activity Method

Projection Method

Genesis 3:12

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

We can change our feelings to reduce a Sense of Guilt, but we can't do anything about Guilt itself

Moral responsibility is changed by:

The Promise

Large hand in beckoning position

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

True or False?

Genesis 3:15

*I will put enmity between you and the woman
and between your offspring*

and hers

He

will crush your head

and you will strike his heel

Romans 8:19

Summary

Review Picture Concepts

InDepth - Be prepared for Test 2 next week

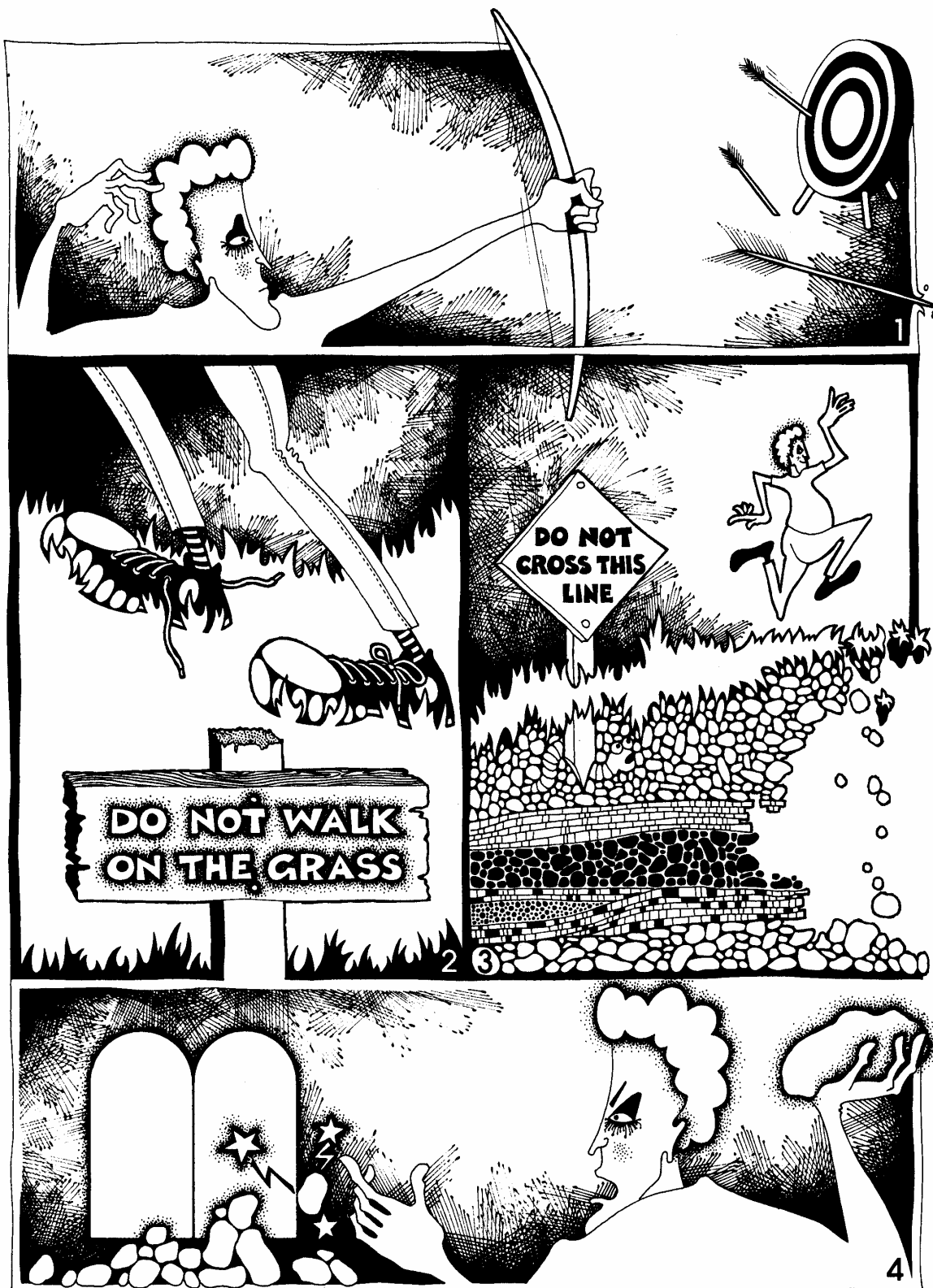
Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *The Word of God*

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This lack of assuming responsibility for one's actions is not found only in small cases, but in major schemes, too. We have hundreds, maybe thousands, of businessmen and women who have ripped off money through sleazy savings and loan associations. Not only were the other employees and depositors taken to the laundry, you and I will be paying out billions of dollars in taxes to right those wrongs. But where, pray tell, is anyone at all who will stand up and say, "I screwed up"?

Ditto for Texas bankers. Their greed is costing us dearly and will for years to come. But have any of them accepted responsibility for running fine old institutions into bankruptcy due to their own ineptitude? Name one.

We have two-pack-a-day cigarette smokers suing tobacco companies because, after four decades of puffing, the smokers have cancer. We have people who leave a bar staggering drunk. They go out and kill three people in a car wreck and then sue the bartender.

These people may have been deprived, but they were far from deprived. And the rest of us pay for their irresponsibility through higher taxes, steeper insurance rates, more inconvenient laws. Well, I don't know about you — I'm getting sick of it. But it's not really my fault that I feel that way.

Consider another case, that of Harold and Candace Thorp of Seattle. They sued Jim Beam for \$4 million. Why? Because Candace admitted that when she was pregnant she chugged down as much as half a fifth of Jim Beam a day. When she gave birth to a malformed child, she sued the distillers.

Or another: the so-called "wilding" attack in New York's Central Park on a female jogger by a gang of male teen-agers. The jogger was raped and so severely beaten that she may never recover. Shortly thereafter, some sociologists said it was not the teen-agers' fault, but society's.

Locally, we have the Compaq Computer case. Remember that one? The company discovered that some of its employees were using, and even trafficking in, drugs. The company busted the operation. Shortly thereafter I got a hot phone call from a mother of one of the suspects. She was greatly upset that the story was in the paper. Oh, yes, her son had been involved in illegal drugs, but that wasn't the point. The point was that the press had done him a terrible disservice and the company wasn't blameless, either, snooping around like that. The more she talked, the more I realized why her son was in trouble.

Now come on. This is getting out of hand. In the case of Kevin Ross, where was he for four years? He knew he was pulling a quick one. And now, years later, he still refuses to take responsibility for his actions. It's the same for the rest of them. The blame goes somewhere else, and quite probably I should be paid for my problems. Remember the line in the song from *West Side Story*? "I'm deprived on account of I'm deprived." Perhaps there is some truth to that, but I doubt it.

They did it, but it's not their fault

LET US CONSIDER the sad, strange case of Kevin Ross. He attended Creighton University in Omaha and played basketball. Apparently that is about all he did, except for taking courses such as Theories of Basketball. Ross completed four years and remained eligible all four by maintaining a D average.

Upon his leaving Creighton it was learned that he couldn't read or write.

His story made a big hoopla and everyone got righteously angry at the exploitation of the young man. Ross then went to a private elementary school in Chicago to become literate.

End of story? No. For Ross is now suing his alma mater, but not because he was used and tossed away. Rather — it is claimed — he is suffering severe depression because he had to go back to elementary school. The strain, Ross' lawyer says, forced Ross to be treated by psychiatrists. Ross and his lawyer want lots of money to make amends.

OK, it goes without saying that the coaches, administrators and the academic/athletic system at Creighton are a low form of life. Indeed, going back farther, what kind of high school did he attend? He received a diploma from Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan. What do they do at that place? This is, certainly, an example of the overpowering, corruptive strength of collegiate athletics at its worst.