

A commentary on Genesis 1-3

THE BEGINNING

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Read!

This commentary has been inspired by the Holy Spirit coupled with years of sound teaching. Genesis 1-3 gives us so much clarity of our existence and purpose!

You may choose to go through this with a friend or alone but know this - The beginning is in no way greater than the Word of God. So above all, read the corresponding chapters as much as you want before reading this commentary.

You may use the SOAP method or whatever works best. Do pray before and after!

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*Read the corresponding chapters before
each section!*

Creator

Chapter one

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Everything we set our eyes on has a creator except GOD, thus God is the first and the last. Without him nothing can exist and with him everything does.

We meet God being busy, this allows us to understand that God is never idle. This also supports the idea that he did not pass the responsibilities to the angels to create anything, GOD did that - when God desires the best he does it himself. When he died for us he gave himself, not his angels, not satan, not an animal. Thus we have this confidence that nothing can ever separate us from his love, not the things he created, nor the things to come.

Read Genes is 1

Creator

Chapter one

The order

First day he created light, everything was done in the presence of light, for God is light and has no fellowship with darkness. He could have divided the waters first or made man but he commanded light. Whatever that is done in light is pure and good. The light of the world, our Lord and saviour - Christ.

2nd day- he separated the waters

3rd day- the waters were gathered and earth became visible being able to bring forth grass

4th day - night and day and seasons

5th day - the creatures of the sea and the fowl of the air

what does the order of creation reveal about God ?

Creator

Chapter one

On the sixth day man is created in the very image and likeness of God. The distinctive nature of man and animals is that God made us in his image and likeness, we are more than meat and sleep. We are called to have dominion and represent the nature of God.

Image being outward and likeness being inward, when we look at our reflection do we see God's masterpiece? Or all the things the world has told us we are not. When people speak to us can they tell there is something different. Who is your maker? Go back to him for that image to be restored and likeness to be refined.

God has not made us in the image of lust or the likeness of sickness. He has made us in his image and likeness - of love, light, kingship, power and a sound mind.

*We were initially
created to eat herbs,
everyone*

Creator

Chapter one

It's important that we know about God before the fall or the evil nature of man or satan. Why? because when everything fades, all that will be left is the word of God. So who is he that says a thing and it comes to pass if the Lord has not commanded it?

The same God who created everything in six days is very much interested in our lives today, if only we invite him to our weddings, speak to him at the well, follow him when he calls. How much more will he do?

Let him call forth light in every dark area in our lives, let him part the waters so we can walk right through, let him be the rose of Sharon amongst thorns, let him be with us in the night and day season, let him command us to be fruitful and multiply.

Broken crayons still colour and he gives us beauty for our ashes. So let us present our bodies as living sacrifices unto him for this is our reasonable and acceptable service and the earth will marvel at what God does within, through and for us.

What can you apply to your life from reading chapter 1?

Rest

Chapter two

God rest's.

Six days of work and one day of rest, the perfect balance.

Oftentimes, we tend to do it in the reverse order. Do we actually deserve the rest that we give out, like a treat to stop a child from throwing tantrums. Rest should be earned and taken with wisdom as in recent times rest and laziness have become identical. True rest is not sleeping, its reflection, its admiration, its stillness and simply being present.

What I love is that God never asks us to do something he has not already done, keeping the sabbath later becomes a commandment (major spoiler) however, understanding this shows us that he desires us to rest in him. Thus our work will flow from him if we are connected to him we must become vessels which pour out his endless living waters. True rest is focusing on the one who matters, spending time with close ones and simply being still. God rest's and so should we.

God does not need to
rest but he does so
we know to!

Rest

Chapter two

”And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. ”

Genesis 2:5 KJV

Whenever God sends us to earth there's a problem and we have the solution for it. The earth could not water itself as there was yet no man to till the ground. Every single person has a purpose, the famous saying that the graveyard is the richest place on earth emphasise's on so much lost potential. Men are sent to earth and fail to fulfill their assignment, our Lord Jesus Christ did not add to that bank, his purpose included defeating death! So, just as the earth was watered with a mist, our purpose awaits us to work it out. From helping those who have been humantrafficked, to opening a business, to teaching or leading as an example we must till the ground we have been placed on.

*Do not allow potential
to be written on your
tombstone*

Rest

Chapter two

Ironically, a lot of the elements which are found to be the composition of man are known to be within the earth, the Bible already gave us the heads up. Without God breathing into man we will not be called tripartite beings; body, soul and mind. Biblically known as body, soul and spirit.

Not to get all hebrew but the hebrew word for soul is nepes which is in relation to emotions, passion and will. God gave us free will, God gave us our unique personalities, God made us to be individually different yet, similar to him. Of course, the soul can be corrupted and redeemed.

Genesis 2:7 KJV

Rest

Chapter two

This is where we meet Eden and the garden planted, man meets his creator. Not a baby or unborn child but man. The heavens must have gathered to meet such a unique being, he walks, he has emotions and most importantly he is known by his creator.

God reveals himself to Adam, he doesn't leave him to wonder and work things out on his own. He creates each animal and brings to Adam to name and so it was. What a beautiful dynamic, God has never wanted servants but friends. Those he can share his heart with and be with.

Now this is what separates God from any other false god, he recognises Adam's needs the first time God says something is not good. Like a genuine concern, Adam is not an experiment. Sugar, spice and everything nice, NO.

Adam is his and he is Adam's. God desires for us to be whole and to experience life, God is aware of our needs. Our need for friends, a job, a new dress, food, a wife or husband, children, money and everything in between. He is aware.

Genesis 2: 15 -19 KJV

Fall

Chapter three

Ever thought of what life would be like before the fall? One can only imagine. Although after man fell, the serpent is cursed, the ground man tills is cursed - that same ground which awaited him to work on is now hard. Childbirth became one of most painful experiences in life across all species.

From this we know that Adam and the woman must have been upset; this is further seen with them hiding in the garden but, what about how God felt? Oftentimes we never take time to reflect on how what happens downstairs makes God feel. The people who he created and gave everything, have just sinned against him, at what cost? To be what they already are? Did they not listen to anything he said?

One thing I have learnt recently is that Jesus desires to be loved, he will never stop you from pouring the oil on him, sitting by his feet or wiping your tears off his feet with your hair.

Jesus desires to be
loved. waste your oil
on him!

Fall

Chapter three

Do not ever think the fall only affected man, of course nothing can reduce or increase God yet, he has a heart, he speaks, he weeps, he answers.

God is not a robot, yes he is Spirit but he desires friends not servants.

Chapter 3 is chapter 3 for a reason and not chapter 1, now hear me out - imagine this chapter was the first thing we set our eyes on when we open the Bible. Iniquity we were conceived but that was never the initial plan and God wants us to know that. Sin is not ours, there is no condemnation for those IN Christ Jesus. We do not have to remain in sin but we must awaken into righteousness.

The serpent could not help himself but to kill, steal and destroy. The main thing to learn from this scene is we are tempted by our own desires. How often did the woman linger around the tree that they were instructed not to eat from.

Whatever we entertain we become, is it gossip? Dancing to the tunes piped. Is it sexual immorality? Consuming hours of subtil pornography. Is it lying? Surely a little white lie won't harm no one. The more we drop the bar, we draw closer to the enemy and just like that we have fallen. Let any man who thinks he stand, take heed lest he falls. Chapter 2 tells us all the trees were pleasant, however the woman desired what she could not have.

What is our heart set
on?

Fall

Chapter three

Why would God place such a tree amongst Adam and his wife?

Man was already created in God's image and likeness and with dominion, there had to be a distinctive limiting factor between God and man. God's intention was never for man to fall into the demise of the enemy, at the end of the day if you do not know who you are you will believe whatever is said about you.

If man has dominion over all the animals in the garden, why did the woman take orders from her subordinate? If God has made man in his image and likeness thus, making them gods why would she want to be what she already is?

A timeless truth is that the enemy is a liar, whatever he is promising you God has most certainly given it to you, you're probably not aware yet. Is it wealth? Is it health? Is it power? Is it food? That's been provided, we just need to trust.

We need just to trust
God

Fall

Chapter three

This chapter also shows us how influential women are, we see this in our generation today. Who is more likely to be described as a social influencer? Or how impactful are the teachings of our mothers today? Or how much history has been birthed by women?

Adam was aware this tree was off limits yet when offered by his wife he gives in and proceeds to blame God for giving her as a wife. Everything Adam did not do, Jesus Christ fulfilled all, not even in his time of agony on the cross did he blame his bride, he asked God to forgive them.

In God's loving and just nature, he removes man from the garden so they do not eat from the tree of life and become immortal. Why would this become a problem? They will not be redeemed; they will live in iniquity. This is exactly what the enemy wants. Here is a food for thought, if Satan really cares about humans, why not offer them the tree of life in the first place?

Their eyes are now opened and they are aware of their sin and nakedness, curse the fig tree for giving false hope, false protection. An animal is killed for their covering, for truly there is life in the blood. Foreshadowing the death of Christ will give us full coverage. Thorns he was crowned with and thistles he was adorned with for our sakes.

Satan will never offer
us what God will

Fall

Chapter three

An observation made is this, Adam named Eve post the fall. Thus, the fall brought the constant gender inequality battle we see. The woman will have the desire to rule the man but ultimately the man will rule.

True freedom is found in Christ not any movement, as a follower of Christ all injustices can be solved with the finished works of the cross. Until the world ceases to exist these problems brought by the fall will exist.

Secondly, man's attempt to cover their sin will always come short. Fig leaves in the form of fake smiles and painted lies will never suffice; only the blood of JESUS CHRIST will ever be enough.

God had to sacrifice an animal to use the skin to clothe both Adam and Eve similarly, the death and resurrection of Christ allows us to be hidden and clothed in him. God does not lead man out of the garden in shame; he covers them and promises them a solution will come from them through their seed who will destroy the serpent and his heel will be bruised, foreshadowing the suffering of Christ on the cross. Protecting them from the tree of life might seem like a poor choice, but to die in Christ is far greater than to live forever in sin.

To die is to gain

Thank You!

I hope you were edified and inspired. Please do not hesitate to share with others.

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