

“THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING”

“THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF CREATION, CORRUPTION AND COVENANT”

PART 12

“WHERE SIN ABOUNDED...”

“The Genesis of Corruption & the Promise of Redemption”

(Genesis 3:1-24)

INTRODUCTION:

“The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more...”

—Romans 5:20

*“LORD, I have heard the report about You and I fear.
O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.”*

—Habakkuk 3:2

1A. THE FIVE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS REVISITED:

1. The Question of Origins: Why is there something instead of nothing?

- Creation was a brief series of **monumental, supernatural, instantaneous miracles** whereby God **brought into existence, formed and filled** the heavens and the earth. While it can be **explored** by science, it cannot be **explained** by science.

2. The Question of Purpose: Why are we here?

- The Image of God refers not only to man's **nature and capacities** as a person, but also His representative **activity** in relation to His Creator. The concept of the image of God is not just **who we are**, but **what we do**. **Being and Doing** are intimately bound together, and are dependent on **Knowing**.
- We exist to glorify and enjoy our Creator, representing and reflecting His image in our **character**, in our **community** and in our **care** for His creation.

[While chapters 1 and 2 of Genesis provide us with the answers to the first two fundamental questions, chapter 3 provides us with the answer to the third question while at the same time predicting and anticipating the answer to questions four and five.]

3. The Question of _____ (Suffering): What went wrong?

4. The Question of _____ (Remedy): How can it be fixed?

5. The Question of _____ (Eschatology) : Where is it all headed?

2A. THE FIRST COUPLE'S REBELLION REVISITED (3:1-13)

- *Paradise Lost* - What man briefly enjoyed in the original creation before the Fall—the **unmediated presence** of **God** and the **unprecedented absence** of **shame**—was immediately forfeited by man's disobedience.

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and death spread to all me, because all sinned..."

—Romans 5:12-21

3A. THE FALL AND ITS FALLOUT (3:1-14-24)

1B. The _____ of God and It's _____ :

1C. _____ of All _____

"Cursed is the ground because of you..." (v. 17)

2C. _____ through All the _____

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her see..."*

2B. The _____ of God and It's _____ :

1C. The _____ of Full and Final _____ (v. 14-20)

2C. The _____ of Temporary _____ and
_____ (v. 21)

"The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them."

3C. The _____ of a _____ and Ultimate _____ (v. 15b)

"He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

CONCLUSION: