

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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The Scheme of Redemption

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Conclusion*

v. 17-19 – It is clear that God intended for man to be the laborer in the field. The fate of the body is also given here “to dust you shall return.” (cp. Eccl. 12:7)

- d. Satan had said “you shall not surely die.”
- e. Woman believed the lie, sinned, and died.
- f. Every temptation offered by Satan is a lie. It offers false hope and a damning end (John 8:44).
- g. The seeds of Messianic hope are planted in the gloomy picture of Genesis 3:15.

D. The Flood – Gen. 6-9

- 1. The flood shows man’s tendency to sin. From the beginning of time, the history of religion has demonstrated repeatedly the fact that man often departs from God’s way.
 - a. The world at that time was already greatly divided between the servants of the Lord and the deceived servants of Satan. (Perhaps the descendants of Seth vs. the descendants of Cain – 4:16, 26).
 - b. The corruption of man finally became too much for God when His servants (“the sons of God” 6:2) began to mix and become like the servants of Satan (6:1-5).
- 2. The Flood shows how God has always dealt with rebellious men.
 - a. When man sins and refuses to repent, he is seeking to rise above the laws of God and therefore God Himself.
 - b. It is a refusal to acknowledge God’s authority over him as well as His wisdom and purpose.
 - c. God, therefore, hates sin (Psa. 45:7; 5:5). It is against everything He is.
 - d. Sin is the cause of man’s destruction and misery (Gen. 6:5, 11-13).
 - e. The purpose of God’s judgment is to destroy sin (Gen. 6:7, 13).
 - f. God always saves a righteous remnant – it is to aid this remnant that judgment comes (Gen. 6:8-10 cp. II Pet. 2:5-7; Num. 14:26-35; Isa. 10:20-23; Matt. 23:37-39).

- g. Baptism is compared to the Flood (I Pet. 3:20, 21).
 - (1) Obedience is necessary in order to be redeemed.
 - (2) Water is the element. Water drew the line of separation between corruption and salvation. Baptism does this for us today (cp. Rom. 6:4).
 - (3) This separation from the old man to the new man is made in view of another approaching judgment (II Pet. 3:3-7).

Conclusion

The theme of the Bible is redeeming fallen man from sin the power of Satan, through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:22).

Christ Has Made Purification of Sins

- A. Jesus accomplished this by His death upon the cross (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:12, 14; 10:10).
- B. Through His shed blood we are:
 - 1. Cleansed from all sin (I John 1:7)
 - 2. Redeemed (Eph. 1:7)
 - 3. Justified (Rom. 5:9)
 - 4. Sanctified (Heb. 13:12)
 - 5. Cleansed in conscience (Heb. 9:14)
- C. This was the purpose of Jesus' coming (Luke 19:10)
- D. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation" (Heb. 2:3; 5:9)

Understanding God's scheme is the only way we can understand the Bible. The first eleven chapters of Genesis tell us of the beginning of the greatest plan ever conceived, and shows us why it was necessary (Eccl. 7:29). Understanding the relationship between the two creations of God helps us to keep the proper values and set our sights on the proper goals.

*Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer, Worthy of glory, honor and power!
 Worthy of all our souls adoration, Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!
 Lift up the voice in praise and devotion, Saints of all earth before Him should bow;
 Angels in heaven worship Him saying, Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!
 Lord, may we come before Thee with singing, Filled with Thy spirit, wisdom and power;
 May we ascribe Thee glory and honor, Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!
 Worthy of riches, blessings and honor, Worthy of wisdom, glory and power!
 Worthy of earth and heaven's thanksgiving, Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!*

NEXT WEEK: GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16