


*Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)*



A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left is seen from the back, wearing a dark tunic and a vibrant red shawl, holding a walking stick. The man in the center is dressed in a light grey or white robe and is gesturing upwards with his right hand. The man on the right wears a brown and red robe. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into a valley. In the background, there are large, leafy trees, rolling hills, and a distant city with domes and minarets. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

# *In the Beginning*

*Genesis 1-3*

# *Involved in Creation*

- “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Gen. 1:1)
  - “Then God said, ‘Let there be light’...” (3)
  - “and God separated the light from the darkness” (4)

# *Involved in Creation*

- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)
  - “All things came into being through Him...” (3; cf. 10)
  - Light & darkness* (4-5)

# *Involved in Creation*

- “by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, ... all things have been created through Him and for Him.”  
(Col. 1:16; cf. 1 Cor. 8:5-6)
- “in Him all things hold together” (17)

# *Involved in Creation*

- See Heb. 1:1-4
  - “through whom also He made the world” (2)
  - He “upholds all things by the word of His power” (3)

# *Involved in Creation*

- Jesus brought the universe into being and continues its existence
  - That includes us
- “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.” (John 1:10)

# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Problem: Rebellion (3:1-7)
  - God gave clear instructions (2:16-17)
  - Adam chose to disobey (1 Tim. 2:14)
    - “...through one man sin entered into the world...” (Rom. 5:12)
    - “sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4)



# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Problem: Rebellion (3:1-7)
  - *Death: separation*
    - Relational – from God & others
    - Physical – spirit from body
    - Eternal – from fellowship with God forever

# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Problem: Rebellion (3:1-7)
  - All descendants of Adam are born *in Adam*: “through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners” -> “condemnation to all men” (see Rom. 5:18-19)

# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Promise: Deliverer (3:15)
  - “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Promise: Deliverer (3:15)
  - A male descendant of Eve would crush the head of the deceiver
    - Judgment / retribution on Satan and deliverance for man
  - See Luke 3:38 & Rev. 20:10

# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Provision: Atonement (3:21)
  - Adam and Eve tried to hide their guilt with their own *coverings* (7)
  - The God-given conscience was at work: sin -> guilt -> *feelings* of guilt
    - *Should* lead to repentance

## *Involved in Redemption*

“The Bible, throughout, assumes what we have all experienced: that God made us so that we have a *sense of guilt* whenever we are guilty of wrongdoing. ... A sense of guilt is an alarm and motivating factor to lead us to repentance.”

Jay Adams

# *Involved in Redemption*

“Proper shame ... is a part of repentance. When there is no shame for sin, there can be neither acknowledgment of the sin nor repentance.”

D.G. Barnhouse

# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Provision: Atonement (3:21)
  - But fig leaves didn't work (8)
    - They were afraid of God (10)
  - Rather than confessing, they hid themselves and then blame-shifted



# *Involved in Redemption*

- The Provision: Atonement (3:21)
  - God *covered* them (21)
    - But something had to die, and God killed it
    - “without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Heb. 9:22)

## *Involved in Redemption*

—“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.” (Lev. 17:11)

# *Involved in Redemption*

- “So, the god of the Old Testament was a bloodthirsty monster?!”
  - The sacrifices weren’t “for” God: see Heb. 10:1-10
    - “a reminder of sins year after year” (4)

# *Involved in Redemption*

- *Identification with a substitute* (see Lev. 1:1-9)
- All pointing to Christ (Hebrews 9)
  - “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29b; cf. Isaiah 53)

# *Involved in Redemption*

- *Identification with a substitute*
  - “Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?” (Rom. 6:3)

# *Involved in Redemption*

- *Identification with a substitute*
  - We have been redeemed “with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (1 Pet. 1:19)

# *So What?*

- The Bible presents creation as the personal act of a personal God
- This God desires a to restore personal relationship with us
- God made a way for us to be *right* with Him – thru His Substitute

# *So What?*

- We must turn from *rebellion* to *submission* (*listen to His voice*)
  - See Acts 17:22-31
- If this is not part of the gospel, then it's a different gospel