

We will now begin the fourth lecture on biblical theology. /We will cover Old Testament theology, the 3rd chapter, "Revelation of the Primitive Time." /The revelation of the primitive time is the revelation regarding the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

/This is recorded in Genesis 1-3. /First, let us look at the Tree of Life. /There were 3 types of trees in the Garden of Eden. /At the middle of the Garden was the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

/And also, there were a variety of fruit trees. /Here, the Tree of Life represents special grace. /And the many fruit trees that are edible symbolize general grace. /Now let us talk about the Tree of Life.

/In Ezekiel 28:13 it says that the Garden of Eden was God's garden. /Therefore, the Garden of Eden has God at the center. /There are many interpretations regarding this Tree of Life.

/This is what Calvin said. /"Adam must remember that the life he has received comes from God." /"The life he has received came through Jesus Christ" and this is what he must remember.

/Whenever he eats of the Tree of Life he draws near to God and is reminded of the God of life. /Of course, the tree was an outward symbol that pointed to this life. /The Tree of Life ultimately then is a tree that symbolizes Christ.

/In John 1:4 it says that Jesus is the source of life. /John Calvin, Augustine, G. Vos, and similar people interpret it in this way. /Therefore, the Tree of Life teaches about Jesus Christ who is the life of God's people.

/Secondly, there is the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. /This "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" is an instrument which God uses to make people mature in righteousness. /God uses this tree to see if the people will obey or disobey.

/True righteousness is listening to God and obeying Him. /Also, this Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil gives freedom to the people to choose what is good and evil. /For example, after eating of the fruit the people have the freedom to decide what is right and what is wrong. /Genesis 3:22

/Becoming free and independent on our own is sin. /When people become independent they leave God. /And in the end this leads to death. /Before eating this fruit God was the determiner of Good.

/God is the determiner of what is good and what is evil. /When we live for God this is Good, /when we leave God this becomes evil. /That is why before Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil they were living for God and regarded this as Good.

/But after Adam and Eve ate the fruit they thought that living selfishly for themselves was Good. /So their standard of Good and Evil changed. /Before eating the fruit living for God was Good.

/Before taking the fruit God was the standard for Good. /After eating the fruit Adam and Eve became the determiner of Good and Evil. /This is not the right way

/Man is not the standard for what is good. /God is the absolute determiner of what is good. /In the end, Adam and Eve became independent from God and they were led to death.

/Third, there were many fruit trees. /There were variety of many fruit trees. /These symbolize general grace. /These fruits can be eaten and enjoyed by the people.

/They are full of nutrition./God provided food for people who have been given a physical body./Next let us discuss the serpent./The serpent is not a symbol./It was really there.

/The serpent was used as Satan's tool./Satan was in the serpent and tempted Adam./So the serpent represents Satan./The serpent is a real snake./The snake symbolizes the devil./Revelation 12:9

/The snake is not Satan. /The snake symbolizes Satan./Satan has always been Satan./1 John 3:8/John 8:44/Satan is a liar.

/Where did Satan come from? /Jude verse 6 says that Satan is a fallen angel./Fifth, let us discuss the issue of death./There are spiritual and physical aspect concerning death.

/The ancestor of the human race Adam and Eve disobeyed God's word and death entered./In Genesis 2:17, God said that they would surely die when they ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil./In the end they ended up eating the fruit.

/Adam broke his covenant with God./Hosea 6:7./To say that his soul died is to say he was separated from God./His life was disconnected from God./After eating the fruit they realized they were naked and were ashamed.

/They feared God and so hid from Him./This shows us that they had left God and died spiritually./Before sinning they were happy in God's glory./They had peace and joy in their hearts./They had rest./Genesis 2:25.

/They were satisfied in God's glory./So they did not have any shame./But afterwards they not only died spiritually they died physically as well./Genesis 3:19 tells us that the wages of sin is death.

/Misery of man's fall entered. /Also, Adam and Eve came to suffer./And they died./This means that their relationship with God ended.

/They could no longer eat from the Tree of Life and they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. /If Adam and Eve had not eaten the fruit they would have lived.

/But they ate the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil disobeying God's word and died./What is sin?/It is rebelling against God's command./Sin is going against God's laws./What is the result of sin?/It is death./Romans 6:23

/Next we will discuss the first revelation of salvation./In the beginning there was a covenant between God and Adam./Genesis 2:17/God gave one command to human beings: "you shall not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

/If Adam and Eve had not eaten of the fruit they would have continued to live. /If we obey God's commands we live. /But if we do not obey we die. /It leads to eternal condemnation and death.

/Adam and Eve died because they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. /But God showed mercy rather than wrath. /Genesis 3:15. /Here is a covenant of grace.

/It is a promise that although sin must be punished people will be saved through Christ./Eph. 2:4
/Habbakuk 3:2/So the "Seed of the woman" in Genesis 3:15 represents Christ./Romans
16:20/Rev. 17:14/1 Cor. 15:57.

/There is blessing in the covenant of grace./It is the promise to save the human race./God
showed mercy to Adam and Eve even in His wrath./God came looking for Adam./Gen. 3:9.

/And even though Eve will have great pain in child birth she will bear children./Gen. 3:16/1 Tim.
2:15/And even though Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden God allowed them to
continue to live in the land.

/And God allowed them to develop culture. /Gen. 3:23 /Even after mankind sinned God did not
show only wrath. /God was gracious and loving to them. /God was gracious.

/God promised Jesus Christ./This was to save us from our sins./God said that the Seed of the
woman and the Seed of the serpent will be at enmity with one another./John 8:44

/The victory of God's people is symbolized by the crushing of the serpent's head. /This is God's
promise of salvation. /We will be victorious over Satan through God's grace. /We are victorious
through the Seed of the woman who is the Messiah.

/The Messiah is the chosen head of God's people. /Ultimately Jesus won the victory on the
cross. /Colossians 2:15/Jesus conquered death. /He defeated sin. /He overcame Satan. /He
redeemed the fallen world.

/After Adam and Eve ate the fruit they became ashamed of their nakedness and tried to cover
with fig leaves. /But God clothed them with animal skin. /Gen. 3:21/Leather requires an animal
to be sacrificed.

/This symbolizes how the coming Messiah will be given as a sacrifice and die for us./So during
the Old Testament period people had to bring the blood of animals before God as
sacrifices./Hebrews 9:22/Jesus will give His life for us.

/And we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. /Clothes made of fig leaves are useless. /
We cannot save ourselves by our actions or efforts. /We cannot take care of the problem of sin
through our own efforts.

/We can only take care of the problem of sin by believing in Jesus and by putting on the cloak of
His righteousness. /Rom. 13:13/Now let us look on the topic of sin. /I will discuss the beginning
of sin, and the cause of sin.

/Sin began when Adam and Eve had second thoughts about God's word and eventually
disobeyed Him. /Genesis 2:16-17/say, "you will certainly die the day you eat of it."/The tree of
the knowledge of good and evil is a test. /Good and evil are interconnected.

/So human beings through the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, came to know the
opposite of evil./And came to know the opposite of good./As mentioned earlier this fruit of
knowledge of good and evil is an instrument by which we become mature in righteousness.

/God placed this tree to see if the man he created will obey or disobey. /It teaches us that true righteousness is believing in God and obeying Him./Genesis 3:1 mentions a real serpent.

/In Genesis 3:14 we see the serpent's punishment by God./John 8:44/1 Kings 22:19/So Satan used a serpent to tempt Adam and Eve./The Bible says the serpent was the most crafty of the creatures God had created.

/Genesis 3:1/This shows that the serpent is a fitting instrument by which Satan can work./So Adam and Eve fell to the temptation and ate the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil./They listened to the voice of Satan./And they forsook the words of God.

/They took away from and added to God's word. /They took God's word lightly,/And thought selfishly/And ultimately rejected God's word./So sin is when we seek to be independent from God.

/Also, sin is the pride of man./So the result of sin is being separated from God./Through the transgression the relationship between God and mankind became distant./It became disconnected./The relationship between husband and wife was also damaged./The relationship between human beings and creation also became broken.

/So the serpent was cursed. /The serpent received God's punishment./1 Chron. 21:1/2 Sam. 24:1-2/Therefore this Satan is not simply a force./Satan is a personal being that goes against God and seeks to make people fall.

/We will now discuss the character of sin. /The heart of man became deceitful and corrupt in all creation. /Jeremiah 17:9. /Because mankind fell, his nature and all the plans of his heart became wicked. /Genesis 6:5

/And this sin can contaminate. /It spreads quickly. /And the sin becomes worse. /Sin also is passed down to the next generation. /Genesis 6:5 says that sin increased on the earth.

/This means sin has power to spread quickly./In this way, sin can contaminate and spreads quickly./Sin brings harm to self and others./And in the end it goes against God.

/Psalm 51:4/Says doing wrong against a person is going against God./In the end, sin breaks one's relationship with God and with others./Now we will discuss different types of sin.

/Here is written chata or chete./This verb is used 225 times./It is translated as sin or error./This chata means going astray from the right way./It means "missing the mark."

/Therefore, chata means going astray from God's holiness,/and missing the mark.

/Next is rasha./This means "wrong doing."/and describes something as wicked. /2 Sam. 22:22/Daniel 9:15/Job 10:15/This is habitual wickedness. /The opposite of righteousness.

/Next is pasha. /This means "betray."/And rebelling against God. /It is premeditated sin. /1 Kings 12:19. /Genesis 31:36. /Isaiah 1:2.

/Next is avon. /This describes something that is detestable. /curse of sin./twisted /it has these types of meaning. /Next is ra./This means "bad."/It is the opposite of good./

/Next is chama. /chamas is violence./Gen. 6:11/There is marah./This means to disobey and rebel./resist./Exod. 15:23/Gen. 42:21/So there are these types of sins.

/Now let us consider the nature of sin. /We can say that the nature of sin is behavior that goes against the standard. /It is rejecting God's authority and rebellious actions.

/So we may not know if we are sinning sometimes because it comes from the very nature of mankind./the nature of human beings have become corrupt./It is totally depraved.

/Sin comes from this corrupted state. /We sin in our hearts, and this leads to action. /Hosea 4:12/Hosea 5:4/Isaiah 9:18

/These verses teach that oppressing and harassing people is the most serious sin. /And sin inevitably leads to ruin. /Also sin is universal. /Isaiah 6:5

/People of Israel are not the only ones who sin. Everyone in the world sins. /People are sinners from birth. /Psalm 51:5/Everyone has the original sin. /From the thoughts of people we are complete sinners. /Genesis 6:5/Jeremiah 17:9

/Eventually people die as a result of sin./Their relationship with God is cut off./Proverbs 11:19/What is the result of sin? /I've mentioned it already. /The wages of sin is punishment. /It is death.

/The result of sin is destruction. /But God even in his wrath shows mercy./The purpose of punishment is to bring about repentance through God and be saved.

/So God uses punishment for sin to lead us into salvation. /So those who receive God's punishment confess their sins and repent. /And they believe that they deserve to be punished.

/And after his sins are forgiven and he stands before God with thanksgiving bringing glory to God./Also no one can escape the penalty of sin./Genesis 3:8/But God does not forsake sinners but come to find them./Genesis 3:11-13

/As a result of sin we cannot draw near to God. /But God came to us and solved the problem of sin for us./And God tells us to be perfect, and to be holy./Genesis 17:1/Leviticus 11:45

/In Genesis 6:5, it says we are always sinning before God in our minds and in our hearts./Genesis 8:21 also says this./So all of Adam's descendants are born into sin./There is no one righteous.

/The Bible says Noah was a righteous man in his time. /Gen. 6:9/But when we look at his life later he too makes a mistake./So there is no one righteous before God./Noah became righteous through faith also.

/So Noah was righteous compared to the other wicked sinners. He is comparatively righteous. /Abraham also had faults. /He was credit righteousness through faith./That is why sin is universal.

/The line of Cain has many sins./But the line of Seth has sins also./In Genesis chapter 6, the "son's of God" begin to marry the daughter of men./Here, the "son's of God" is referring to the line of Seth as well as faith.

/And the “daughters of men” is referring to the line of Cain without faith./In this way as the people of faith married with those without faith people’s sin increased./God cannot forget sin./Hosea 13:12

/God punishes sin. /Isaiah 59:2/Death came through sin. /Disease and illness came to be. /Wars began. /Many catastrophes were added. /1 Sam. 14:37/Psalm 49:14

/Then what must be done to get rid of this sin?/This is called atonement./Atonement is the forgiveness of sin and the way to be forgiven./In the Old Testament period sacrificial offering was made for atonement.

/So “to atone” is kiper. /Kiper is a verb, and the noun derivative is koper. /Kiper is derived from koper./This is making payment as a ransom for a life taken.

/A payment is required to save life./Jesus shed his blood and gave up his life for us./Isaiah 53 says Jesus suffered for our sins./Jesus in this way atoned for our sins by paying the price with his life.

/Psalm 22 records the suffering of a righteous man. /Next let us discuss the requirement necessary to overcome sin. /We must first restore our relationship with God with regard to forgiveness..

/We must be transformed before God. /This amounts to humbling oneself before God. /And there must be a sincere desire and will to forsake sin. /In other words, we must repent.

/This in Hebrew is shub. /To repent. /or to return. /or to restore. /Or leave./This is shub./Repentance./Repentance must include knowledge, emotion, and will all at the same time.

/ We must acknowledge sin for what it is. /And we must hate sin. /And we must confess sin before God. /And by our will we must return to God. /In other words, we must forsake sin.

/Therefore, repentance on the one hand is passively forsaking sin /and on the other hand actively returning to God. /So to repent or to return is going back to the God who forgives us.

/We must have someone to return to. /Just saying to ourselves “I should not do this” is regret. /But regret is not repentance. /Judas regretted his actions. /But he did not repent.

/But Peter repented./He was remorseful over his sins, and said, “Lord forgive me! I’m a sinner,” and he went back to God./Luke chapter 15 is about a prodigal son.

/The prodigal son said, “I’m about to die here! What a sinner I am!” and confessed his sin. /But he did not remain there. /He went back to his father. /This is repentance.

/God promises to give us a new heart. /He gives a new heart to those who repent. /Jeremiah 15:19/Jeremiah 17:14 /So we must return to God with an obedient heart.

/Next we will talk about the motivation for the forgiveness of sin. /The motivating factor for sins’ forgiveness is God’s mercy. /God’s patience, and loving kindness. /This is chesed in Hebrew.

/Chesed is God's grace, kindness, and faithfulness. /Psalm 136:1/Genesis 19:19/Exod. 34:6/God saves us in his holiness and love. /Ephesians 2:4

/In other words, the wages of sin is death./We receive forgiveness of our sins through God's mercy in Jesus Christ./We repent of our sins, and go back to God./And we thank God for his grace and live for his glory.

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/This concludes the fourth lecture on biblical theology. /Thank you.