

Session 9 - Sin's Consequence and God's Grace

“Satan does not here fill us with hatred of God, but with forgetfulness of God.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” - Genesis 3:8-9

Sin's Consequence

- Trial - After Adam and Eve sin, God approaches Adam and asks questions.
- Verdict - He then issues His verdict.
 - Representatives (Adam - man; Eve - woman; Serpent)
 - “on his belly”
 - total defeat
 - Isaiah 65:25; Micah 7:17

Chiasm (Literary Device - Pointing to the SEED)

Linguistic device used to accent or highlight something often found in the middle.
This chiasm centers on the comments God makes to the serpent.

God spoke with...

Man (v. 9-12)

Woman (v. 13)

Serpent (v. 14-15)

Woman (v. 16)

Man (v. 17-19)

*I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.*

*He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.*

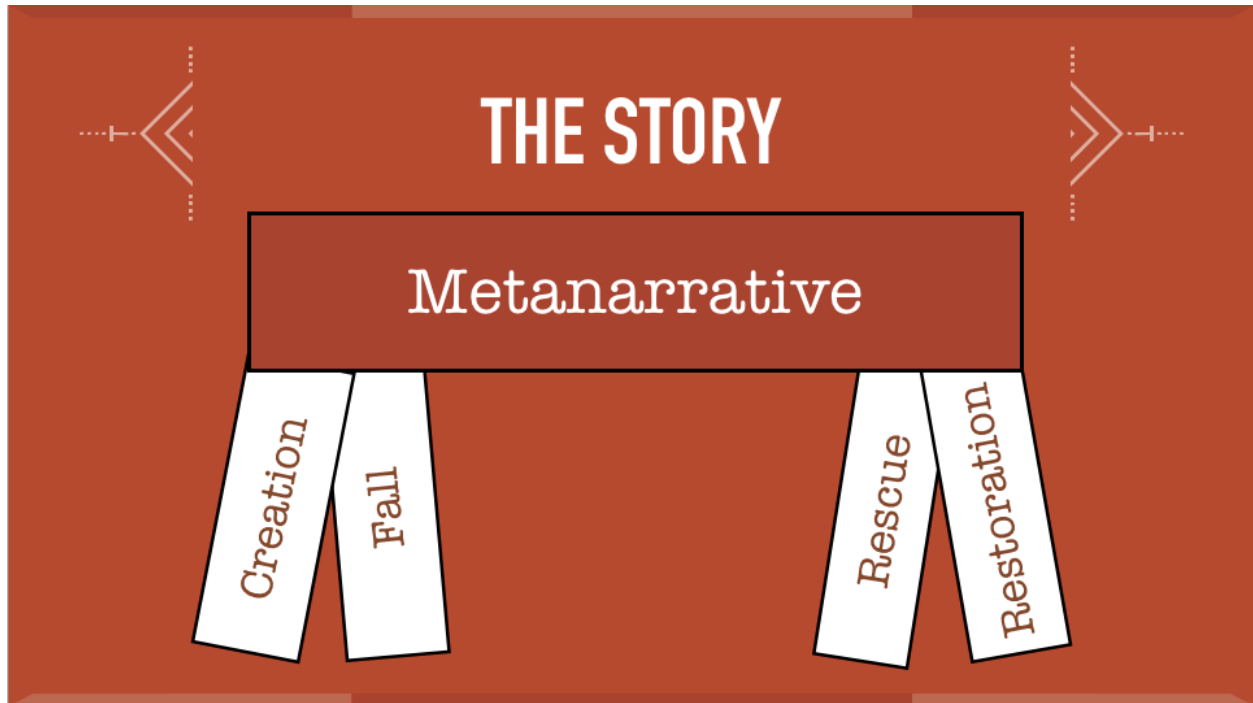
- Genesis 3:15

“In light of the fact that such programmatic discourses are strategically important throughout the remainder of the book, it seems likely that the author intends these words to be read as programmatic and foundational for the establishment of the plot and characterization of the remainder of the book.” - John Sailhamer

Who is the “seed” of the woman?

“The remainder of the book is, in fact, the author’s answer.” - John Sailhamer

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“What we have here is an astounding gospel prophecy because God’s curse upon the serpent turned into a word of grace, giving what has been recognized from the second century A.D. as the ‘first gospel,’ the protoevangelium, when the post-apostolic fathers Justin Martyr and Irenaeus preached the woman’s offspring (literally, ‘seed’) here referred to Christ who would crush Satan’s head.” - R. Kent Hughes

Areas of God's Grace

Woman - rely on God's POWER for satisfaction

PROVISION - Covering of Adam and Eve - penalty of sin is death, not covering of leaves

Exile from the garden - PROTECTION from Tree of Life

Cain and Abel

“The many diverse events included within the small space of the chapter (4) give it an appearance of being a transition and staging narrative connecting the preceding events to those that are to follow.” - John Sailhamer

“Throughout the narratives of Genesis, a recurring theme is that of the attempt and failure of human effort in obtaining a blessing that only God can give.” - John Sailhamer

“A pattern is established in chapter 4 that will remain the thematic center of the book. The one through whom the promised seed will come is not the heir apparent, that is, the eldest son, but the one whom God chooses.” - John Sailhamer