

***“The Foundations of Our Faith Revealed, Theme by Theme in Genesis —
Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment”***

Our Theme Verses:

Heb. 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

Gen. 50:18-20 [Main theme verse in Genesis today]

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, **Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?**

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

[READ] Rom. 1:19-25

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Last time we finished our Third Theme in Genesis with words like this: “With God, our weakness reveals his strength”. Whether it be through Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, or Joseph, all were part of the same mighty work of the Lord God. And we ourselves are also part of the great train of witnesses. For God did not create man in his own image with the liberty of free will and potentially sin and rebellion without the plan and promise of a coming redeemer. And then, when sin and rebellion came upon mankind God through satan’s tempting of Eve and Adam’s sin, the Lord God used even their fall for great blessing for many. The promise of the Seed of the Woman was for all generations. But would they receive it?

Or would the Lord God bring Judgment for their unbelief and disobedience of faith while continuing to offer the promise under terms and conditions of his choosing? There is a Scarlet Thread throughout the scriptures and Genesis lays the foundation for that.

So we have seen how God's sovereignty over his entire creation demands that his strength be manifested even through the weakness of sinful man. So today we begin another corollary of that fundamental principle:

Our new theme is this, "Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment", the common theme of the scriptures which is introduced so well in the first book of the Bible, the book of beginnings, Genesis.

To explain this further — in the Bible (and in Genesis) there are recorded a great many judgments, some on nearly all of mankind as in Noah's Flood — but the plan of God is still carried out with his elect ones!! The judgments divide and what remains, but what the Lord God intended after all, a people for his name!

Today's Outline: New Theme: Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment

- ***Sin Came Into the Word and Death Through Sin — But God Provided Hope to His Children, Adam and Eve, Through A Promise***
- ***The Heavens Declared the Glory of God — But Would the Generations After Eden, Cain and Abel, then Seth and Their Offspring Receive the Witness?***
- ***God's Response to Sin Was the Noahic Flood — But He Did Deliver Eight Souls!***

Next Time:

- ***The Worship of the Creation at Babel Was Destroyed — But the Nations Were Blessed***
- ***The Lord Again Rejected the Nations' Response to the Flood — And God Called Out Abraham***

I. Sin Came Into the Word and Death Through Sin — But God Provided Hope to His Children, Adam and Eve, Through A Promise:

[READ] Gen. 3:9-19

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- *From the beginning, Adam was given the word of the living God regarding the principles of life in the Garden.... There was only one prohibition: do not eat the fruit of the tree in the center of the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ...*
- *But rebellion and sin broke the fellowship with the creator when satan tempted Eve and she ate of the tree and told Adam what she had done. He then also ate the forbidden fruit and sin and evil and death followed from that. God gave a promise of deliverance but brought upon Adam and Eve judgments and finally expulsion from the Garden itself:*

Gen. 3:22-24

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- *Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and the Judgment Itself — Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment*

Rom. 5:12, 17, 21

12 ... Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

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17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

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21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

- *Adam was the federal head of the human race. In him all died, but praise God, in Christ would all be made alive!*

1 Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

II. The Heavens Declared the Glory of God — But Would the Generations After Eden, Cain and Abel, then Seth and Their Offspring Receive the Witness?

Ps. 19:1-6

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

- *Remember, God made to sun and moon and set them in the heavens for a number of reasons as Gen. 1:14, 16 indicate and Ps. 136 memorializes:*

Gen. 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Ps. 136:1-9

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

- *There was indeed a revelation concerning the Lord God, his creative and sustaining power and glory, and, also concerning the plan of redemption based on the coming of the Seed of the Woman. This is a large subject indeed and I have said enough for now on that subject. But Rom. 1:19-25 and other proves that God considered all accountable before him due to that revelation. For when did all know God? Only in the Garden and then immediately after the Noahic Flood. The revelation in the creation continued onwards and kept all accountable to him. The Dispensations of Conscience and Human Government relied on that communication as underscored personally by the active conscience in each heart.*
- *But now after the expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the story continues although it is now in the realm of sin and death. When Adam was 130 years old their first born, Cain, was brought into this world.*

Gen. 4:1-7

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

[READ] Gen. 4:8-12

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Gen. 4:13-17

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

- *And many generations are brought forth filling the earth as God had commanded, many through Cain and many through his brother Seth, born after Cain killed Abel:*

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

- *The meanings of the names are significant: Cain=gotten or received; Abel=transitory; Seth=substituted or appointed!! The names are given as appropriate considering the governing promise by the Lord God of the Seed of the Woman.*
- *The genealogies are given in Genesis and a sense of the time frames involved and it was over two thousand years! Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born, and live another 800 years before he died [see Gen. 5:3-4].*
 - *Noah was born 1000 years later and he was only the eighth generating according to 2 Pet. 2:5. 1500 years from Seth's birth was the Flood Year of Noah. Noah Was 500 years old at that point. His name means "comfort" and as Gen. 5:29 indicates he was named to give testimony concerning the curse on the earth.*

Babel was destroyed and the language confused 400 years later as was Abram's call as we shall learn more of next time Lord willing. See the Bullinger Companion Bible for details on this.

- *Don't forget that during this very long period of time the descendants of Cain in banishment filled the earth full with their evils AND skills which were great indeed as chapter 4 makes so clear. So for a millennium and a half the Cainites and the Sethites were populating the earth. The contrasts between them must have been astounding. And the influence of the one on the other must have been substantial as well, for good or evil. BUT THE PROMISE OF THE SEED OF THE WOMAN AND THE TESTIMONY OF THE CREATION ITSELF GOVERNED ALL IF ONLY THEY WOULD RECEIVE IT.*

It all goes back to Abel with his bold testimony for the Lord that only

through shedding of blood of an innocent victim would redemption be gained. It is the crimson thread that weaves its way through history beginning there so very early after sin had entered into the world. And surely Adam had taught Abel for he knew so well of the coats of skins that the Lord God had made to cover him just after he had eaten of the forbidden fruit.

But there is more revealed here in Genesis and in Romans regarding this 1500 year period.

- ***Romans 1 & 2 gives us so much insight of only we would take it verse by verse and word by word. What does it say?***

All were accountable to the Lord God we read in chapter 1, for the heavens declared all that was needed for sinful man to know that he was held accountable by his creator. Only the creator was to be worshipped, however, NOT the creation, not even the heavenly witnesses. It is an amazing thing to us that even today many of the stars still bear their original Hebrew names although most of the names have been changed by the Muslims to Arabic. As some careful commentators have revealed, there is in this heavenly testimony a statement of the plan of redemption through the ultimate victory of the Seed of the Woman!

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- ***And then in chapter 2 we find the revelation that the conscience was also active and a second witness, apparently a faithful one in the***

beginning but less so as the ages passed. Now it is only a witness of consistency, not of truth.

Rom. 2:14-16

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew **the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;**)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

- *So again, the witnesses were there concerning that original and governing promise concerning the coming Seed of the Woman and the judgment that would come on those aligned with God's enemies. But would they receive it? The coming flood would reveal the answer to that question! But with the judgment God's redemption is also revealed. The Lord God would always ensure the deliverance of his ELECT!*
- *So our theme is underscored here time and again: Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and then the Judgment Itself — Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment*

III. God's Response to Sin Was the Noahic Flood — But He Did Deliver Eight Souls!

[READ] Gen. 6:1-8

1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man *[or Adam]* for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- *So the Lord commanded a suitable vessel to be built, and Ark, as it were, so that all air breathing land dwelling creatures and only 8 of mankind would be saved from the overwhelming waters of that great flood:*

Gen. 6:9-14

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect [or upright or straight] in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

[READ] Gen. 6:17-18

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

- *The demonic outpouring brought the flood destroying everyone.*
- *So that satanic and demonic attack on the very biology of humanity was added to the waywardness and sin. The one the Lord endured for generation upon generation, the other he would not endure much*

longer. The judgment of the flood would rectify that since he would deliver only those eight who were untouched by that additional evil.

- ***So our theme is again revealed here. Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and the Judgment Itself — Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment. Amen.***

Conclusions:

- ***This entire period constitutes a dispensation in the plan of God, the Dispensation of Conscience. Take note of it.***
- ***But today we live under grace and its abundance, so very different. Praise God for his wonderful gifts. I hope our study today has opened even more of the scriptures to you.***