

God's Eternal Purpose: Lesson Five

Redemption: Predetermined in eternity and providentially worked out in time.

We may, through faith and obedience to the gospel, return to God *redeemed*.
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Colossians 1:13,14)

The biblical teaching concerning the historical fall is an indispensable insight into the human dilemma and its remedy. BUT GOD... Ephesians 2:1-5

Background: Read 1 John 3:7-12

1. Satan is a real being who connects with the beginning of all our problems.
2. Jesus came to destroy Satan's work.
3. The result is that we can be born of God and removed from Satan's power.
4. We deny Satan's power to cause us to sin.
5. This proves we of God and not the Devil.
6. Cain's murder of Abel (Genesis 4) is a living witness / warning for us today.

We need not be ignorant of Satan's devices. (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 2:11)

Back to God's eternal purpose to redeem us.

When do we see that God has our best interests at heart?

1. How did the conversation between God and Adam and Eve begin?
2. Things got worse in Genesis 4. How did God respond? Do you agree?
3. Things got even worse in Genesis 5. How did God respond? Do you agree?

Notice Cain's seed line: Genesis 4:17-24

Man's ingenuity and creativity on display.

Notice Seth's seed line: Genesis 4:25-26

Man's need for God.

Two seed lines reflecting God's promise to Satan in Genesis 3:15

The Bible now focuses on Seth's seed line (Genesis 5) leading up to the time when they ("sons of God"), become attracted to the "daughters of men". Where do we see God's providence in what follows? Before acting in judgment, God offers a way to redemption.

Now we introduce another huge concept to do along with redemption: REMNANT