

Our Biggest Problem



Matthew 1:21

²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

If our biggest problem had been information,
God would have sent an educator.

If our biggest problem had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our biggest problem had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.

But since our biggest problem was sin,
God sent us a Savior!

Learning from Genesis 3



Genesis 3:2-5

² The woman said to the serpent,
“From the fruit of the trees of the
garden we may eat;

³ but from the fruit of the tree which is
in the middle of the garden, God has
said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch
it, or you will die.’”

Genesis 3:2-5

⁴ The serpent said to the woman,
“You surely will not die!

⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat
from it your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God, knowing good
and evil.”

Learning from Genesis 3



➤ Sin is a rejection of God.

Isaiah 59:2

² But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden *His* face
from you so that He does not hear.

Learning from Genesis 3



➤ Sin has real consequences.

Genesis 3:23

²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

Learning from Genesis 3



- After sin, God still shows love and blessing.

Genesis 3:21

²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

Genesis 4:1

¹ Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a manchild with *the help of the LORD.*”

Learning from Genesis 4



Genesis 4:4-5

⁴ ...And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Learning from Genesis 4



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➤ Sin grows in us and changes us.

Genesis 4:7

⁷ If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Learning from Genesis 4



- After sin, God still shows love and blessing.

Genesis 4:15

¹⁵ So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

Learning from Genesis 6



Genesis 6:5

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:11-12

11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.

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

Genesis 6:7

⁷The LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”

Learning from Genesis 6



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➤ Sin is the path toward tragedy
and judgment.

Learning from Genesis 6



- God offers salvation to those who want to stand with Him.

Genesis 6:8

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

Genesis 6:18

¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

1 Peter 3:21

²⁰ ...in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

²¹ Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

When We See What Sin Does



We better appreciate God's
love,

Romans 5:8

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

When We See What Sin Does



We better appreciate God's
love,
forgiveness,

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When We See What Sin Does



We better appreciate God's
love,
forgiveness,
strength.

Romans 8:13

13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.