

Title: **What went wrong?**

Recap: Last Week we looked at:

Creation was not an accident – but there is a God who deliberately created all things with a purpose to fulfil. God looked at what He had created and declared it to be “Very Good.”

We were created unique by God with the purpose of having and enjoying a relationship with Him.

Today we are going to look at what has gone wrong in the world and what is at the heart of our human condition.

Discussion: What do you think is wrong with the world and who’s fault do you think it is?

Introduction

When we come to the subject of God, one of the many questions that are asked is,

“ If there is a God, why is there suffering in the world?”

When we see people hurt by others, or touched by tragedy, our natural reaction is to ask WHY is this happening to us? We have been able to change so much about what happens in this world, but still there is evil, still there is sickness and death. “ If God exists then why do these things happen to us?”

The bible makes it clear that the problems of this world are the result of a lost relationship with God. What God had made perfect, as “Very Good,” was knocked out of balance by humanities sin and rebellion against the God who made all things. As a result of this act, suffering, decay and death entered into the world. This fall destroyed our eternal sense of purpose and lost for us both physical and spiritual perfection, that only could be found in a relationship with God. So what is this “FALL,” that has had such a devastating effect on humanity?

Teaching point 1 : - “The Fall”

When God created humanity He gave us the ability to make free will decisions. Any act of true love is a voluntary act of giving that gift of love freely to another. The relationship that God has established with us is governed by God’s perfect concept of what real love is. If God had made us as robots who were pre-programmed to love him, without an alternative, then it would not have been genuine love that was being expressed. His desire was that humanity would choose to love Him, so He gave us the ability to make decisions and to choose from two separate realities.

Two Choices God has given us

1) To live in a relationship with the Creator God. This is the reason we were created for and in this relationship we would experience the Creator God’s love, provision and protection. To know Him would bring the reality of fullness of life now and everlasting life for eternity. It would enable us to reach our full potential as human beings and fulfil the intended purpose we were created for.

2) To turn our back on God and live for ourselves. Right from the beginning of human existence God has given man the freedom to turn our back on the God who created us and spend the inheritance of our lives on ourselves. Real love means that love and relationship can be rejected by another.

As human beings we have a limited time on this earth to make our choices. One of the most important choices we make is how we will live our lives. Whether for the God who created us or for ourselves!

This is what the bible says happened at the very beginning of human history. In the garden of Eden, humanity decided to disobey God and chose to follow selfish pride and ambition. This turning our back on God and living selfishly to please ourselves, is what the bible calls **SIN**. Hatred, anger, jealousy, bitterness, racism, gossip, lust, unforgiveness are all signs of the one sin of turning our back on God and living for

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