

# "Healing a Broken World"

## Part 3

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- **Genesis 3:1-24 (NKJV):** *"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?''..... 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."*
- In this chapter we find the essence of our problems today.
- God made man because He had a dream and placed man in the garden.
- When Adam and Eve sinned, they fell from this place of connection and fellowship with God. When this happened **everything** got messed up.
- **Colossians 1:18-20 (Message):** *"And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, **but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.**"*
- Paul is describing that "everything" is dislocated and broken. He is describing the present state of the universe today. But it all gets fixed in vibrant harmony all because of the death of Christ on the cross.
- We instinctively know it is broken but when we go through life, we don't think about it being broken. For example, creation with all its eco systems is not functioning in the way they were created to function. If it were, there would be no hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, earthquakes, and so forth.
- There is no way we can say when individual tragedies happen that there is a certain reason for it. That would be arrogant to presume we have enough knowledge to know that.
- Another example of this is where someone dies and the family was in faith until the last breath and now feel they need an "answer" as to why their belief in healing didn't work.
- You must understand there are some questions that will only be answered when we go to be with Jesus.
- We should still speak and believe with authority against sickness and difficulties, but we should still have confident trust in God even if things don't turn out they way we want.
- In God's pronouncement over man, He said woman would have pain in child bearing. Not just carrying and delivering, but there is pain involved in rearing children and bringing them forth. This is because rebellion is bound up in the heart of the child because of the "fall".
- We must train them up like staking a plant. We must tie them to a stake (so to speak) of God's will for their lives like we do a tender plant so it will grow properly.
- God also said the woman's desire would be for her husband and he would rule over her. This means that overall women try to take over control. This puts things out of order. He also states that man would rule over women. But he did not teach man to rule with an iron fist. This is not the way God created things to be.
- Marriage should not be difficult but it is because of the fall. Even Pastor Rick and Pastor Donna struggled in their early marriage. They struggled in little things like everyone else. Pastor Rick was angry and he would yell and be impatient, strong and intimidating. Pastor Donna brought insecurity and felt unaccepted and unappreciated, she wouldn't talk. Pastor Donna would clam up and Pastor Rick would blow up. But when they began to get into the "word" together, within a year things began to change. God began to take away the anger in Pastor Rick and the insecurity in Pastor Donna.
- We live in this broken and dislocated world, but when we encounter the brokenness of it, we act like things aren't broken and say these things shouldn't happen.
- Many times we don't understand that difficulties in relationships are really not about the other person but our own areas of brokenness.
- Through the "fall" the world became broken in four ways:
  1. **Man lost authority and dominion**
    - God made man in his own image and gave him dominion and authority over the earth.

- Just like Warren Buffett owns See's Candy. Yet he gave others the authority to run it. God gave man the authority over the earth. But in the fall we lost this authority.
- Because of this fall, we constantly have a feeling that there is a lack of control. We are always struggling to get on top and to get in control.

## **2. Our nature is corrupted by sin**

- Man's disobedience corrupted his nature with the "sin" nature.
- Romans 6:16 states that whomever you yield yourselves to obey, you become that one slave whom you obey. By obeying Satan, we became slaves of Satan.
- Think of all the things we are serving that we don't want to be slaves to; drugs, alcohol, sex, pornography, prescription drugs, money, and so on. We constantly struggle with the brokenness of our sin nature. We are a slave oriented society. We serve things we don't even like.
- When we get saved, Christ lives in our spirit **but** our flesh is still held under the pull of the sin nature. We service things we don't even like. We are living in the pull of this sin nature that is in our world.

## **3. Man was separated from God**

- When Adam and Eve fell they became alienated from God. Now they had no ability to solve their own problems because God alone was the answer all along.
- The reason God kicked man out of the garden was not because He was angry but because He loved us. If man was able to eat from the "Tree of Life" while in his sin nature, he would live forever in his sin and there would be no way for God to bring redemption.
- God separating man from himself was not a penalty but an act of love. There must be a judgment correction for us to come back to God.

## **4. Everything was subjected to a curse**

- This is the only thing we can say **God did to us**.
- Isaiah 59:1-2 says that the arm of the Lord is not too short that it cannot save, nor the ear too heavy that it cannot hear what we are saying, that's not the problem. Our sin is what separated us from God.
- To sin means to error or to miss the mark. Anytime you sin, you are missing the target of what God's original plan is for you.
- God chastising of you in your sin is not out of meanness but love. It is His way of bringing you back.
- **Romans 8: 18-20:** *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it **in hope**;"*
- God subjected the earth to a curse; even our jobs have challenges and difficulties. Our work is broken and doesn't function the way it was suppose to. Even when we succeed, we feel things are not complete. We never seem to be satisfied. Why would God do this?
- **He did this in HOPE!**
- God realized that once man listened to Satan and became a slave to Satan, that Satan would become man's god. He was in danger of forgetting who God was and where home was. He would begin to think he was nothing more than a lump of flesh in this world, worshiping the creature and not the creator.
- So God subjected everything in life to futility in the **hope** that we would not forget who we are, where we came from, who God made us to be, what our destiny is, what our future is, what our life is.
- When you get this, you look at the brokenness and you get it.
- In **John 16:33**, Jesus said *"In this world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer – I have overcome the world."*
- God has restored these four areas in Christ. He has not restored them to fullness but given us the power to enforce these things through His word.
  1. God has restored our dominion - **Math 16:9**
  2. He has restored our nature - **2 Cor 5:21**
  3. We have been reconciled to God - **2 Cor 5:18-20**
  4. God has reversed the curse - **Romans 8:18-23**
- Christ went to the cross as a legal sacrifice to buy back for us what was lost. And now He empowers us to be enforcers, and to take back what Satan tries to destroy. We can say, "because of what Christ did, Satan, you no longer have any authority over my life. I see that brokenness in my family and in my kids, But Satan take your filthy hands off my kids and my family. I have authority now. By the stripes of Jesus and by His authority, you no longer have dominion over my life."
- First step is to realizes things are broken and ask God for help.