

The Big Picture:

The Adamic Covenant: The Serpent Crusher (Gen. 2&3)

Seeing the Forest for the Trees

- What is the big picture of history?
- Scripture gives us the story of God's work from the beginning to the end
 - Metanarrative
- One way to talk about this is through the repeated theme of covenants
- Covenants involve promises on the part of one or both parties
 - Throughout salvation history, God has established covenants with individuals or groups that show us His ultimate plan and purpose for humanity

Our First Parents

- Adam & Eve were made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27)
- They were instructed to do 3 things:
 - Be fruitful and multiply (1:28)
 - Tend the Garden (2:15)
 - Do not eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil (2:15-17)
- Adam & Eve didn't know right and wrong
 - They only knew to obey
 - They failed
 - We all pay the price for their disobedience
 - And we all inherit their sinful nature

The Adamic Covenant (Gen. 3:14-19)

- God makes a covenant with Adam, Eve, and the Serpent
 - Curses are handed out because of their disobedience
- Adam= All of humanity
 - Will suffer toil
 - Will suffer death
- Eve= Specifically women
 - Will suffer pain in childbearing
 - Will suffer inequality in their relationships with men
 - Eve was made to be a partner/equal(Gen. 2:18, 23)
- The Serpent= Satan/evil
 - Will suffer humiliation
 - Will be destroyed

God's Part of the Covenant

- Humans messed things up, but God will make it right
- God will use a human agent to do so
 - A descendant of Eve
- The Serpent/Satan will be defeated

Humanity's Part of the Covenant

- Populate the Earth
- Care for the Earth
- Obey

So What?

- We were not created for toil and pain
 - We *were* created with a job to do
- Are we trusting God to deal with our sin?

Meditation Verse: *Genesis 3:15*