

Old Testament Review

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Hebrews 1:1-4

God is the creator- Genesis 1:1

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. Colossians 1:17.

God has created everything including you and me and the world around us.

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

All that God made was not just good but very good! Therefore when God created the world it was perfect.

God sets the parameters (rules, commandments), for our own good on how to live

Adam and Eve had an unhindered relationship with God. They walked and talked with God in the cool of the day.

God gave Adam and Eve guidance and instruction on how to live. Do as you want but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17)

Why the tree you ask? It really doesn't matter because God put it there and told them not to eat it, which should be enough. However, it was ultimately God giving us the choice to follow Him or do our own thing.

Love is a choice

We have the same choice today

Obey God and live or disobey God and die

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

God has given a choice to follow Him or not to follow Him. If we seek to not to follow and know God we will not just physically die but when we die we will be separated from God for eternity.

But why?

God demands holiness

We are told to be holy as God is holy but we can't. That's why we need Jesus.

God is the judge and yet merciful

All throughout our whole study we have seen the judgment and mercy of God. God does not deal with sin lightly. In some cases death happens immediately (seems to be for those willfully and continually sidestepping God and not following Him). In other cases like the Israelites, they often step off the path but always come back to God when shown their sin or feel the weight of their sin bases on consequences.

The people were given the law (Exodus 20) that showed them what sin was. The law pointed to Jesus.

They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion. They appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But you *are* God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them. **Nehemiah 9:17**

Because of sin and ungodliness we face struggles, heartache, pain, disappointment, emptiness and overall difficulties.

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will^[d] have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. **John 16:33**

Some is a result of our own sin and others are a result of sin in general.

Jesus fixed our sin problem. That if we call on Him he will save us.

God has a plan to make all things new.

It started with Abraham, then a family, then a nation (that would ultimately bring Jesus) and ultimately a new people.

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Rev 21:5a

In the end it's our choice, to follow God and live or to do it our own way and die!

God is what we need, to follow Him! Do we trust Him with a child like faith or do we try to figure it all out on our own?

Trust and follow God

If I could answer every question about God, that wouldn't make Him God, or a pretty sorry one at that.

If I could explain everything we wouldn't need faith or trust, therefore not needing God either