



The Disease and the Healer

Genesis 3:8-19

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Elements of a story:

- ❖ Setting = time / place
- ❖ Characters
- ❖ Plot
- ❖ Conflict
- ❖ Climax
- ❖ Resolution
- ❖ Theme

Conflict in a story:

- ❖ Man vs. man
- ❖ Man vs. God
- ❖ Man vs. nature
- ❖ Man vs. himself

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One story:

- ❖ Paradise (Genesis 1-2)
- ❖ Paradise Lost (Genesis 3 – Revelation 20)
- ❖ Paradise Regained (Revelation 21-22)

Genesis =

- ❖ Origin
- ❖ Source
- ❖ Generation
- ❖ Beginning

Genesis series 2016-2018

- ❖ Origins (1-11) – Spring, 2016
- ❖ Abraham (11-25) – Fall, 2016
- ❖ Isaac (24-28) – Spring, 2017
- ❖ Jacob (27-38) – Fall, 2017
- ❖ Joseph (37-50) – Spring, 2018

Genesis 1-11

- ❖ Creation (1)
- ❖ Creation (2)
- ❖ Fall (3)
- ❖ Cain and Abel (4)
- ❖ Genealogy (5)
- ❖ Flood (6-9)
- ❖ Genealogy (10)
- ❖ Tower of Babel (11)

Genesis 1 application:

- ❖ God created.
- ❖ His creation is good.
- ❖ His creation reflects his glory.
- ❖ Jesus reconciles us to God.
- ❖ We are to worship God and reflect his glory.

Genesis 2:1-15 application:

- ❖ Work is not bad.
- ❖ Work is not everything.
- ❖ Work is a gift from God.
- ❖ Work is an opportunity to worship God.
- ❖ We need rest.
- ❖ Jesus gives us ultimate rest.

GOOD or not?

GOOD:

- ❖ Light (1:4)
- ❖ Land and seas (1:10)
- ❖ Plants and trees (1:12)
- ❖ Day and night (1:18)
- ❖ Fish and birds (1:21)
- ❖ Land animals (1:25)
- ❖ Humanity! (1:31)

Good or NOT?

NOT:

- ❖ For man to be alone (2:18)



Paradise:

- ❖ Great food
- ❖ Power
- ❖ Fellowship with God
- ❖ But also loneliness

Our culture vs. Biblical values:

- ❖ Goals are primary; relationships secondary.
- ❖ We value privacy over accountability.
- ❖ We don't like to join or commit.
- ❖ Singleness is an affliction.

Genesis 2:15-25

- ❖ We need relationships.
 - ❖ With God
 - ❖ With people
 - ❖ Like us
 - ❖ Different from us
- ❖ Jesus took our shame so we can be unashamed.

Lies of the Deceiver:

- ❖ You can be the judge.
- ❖ You cannot trust the goodness of God.
- ❖ You can save yourself.

Genesis 3:8-9

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Isaiah 6:5

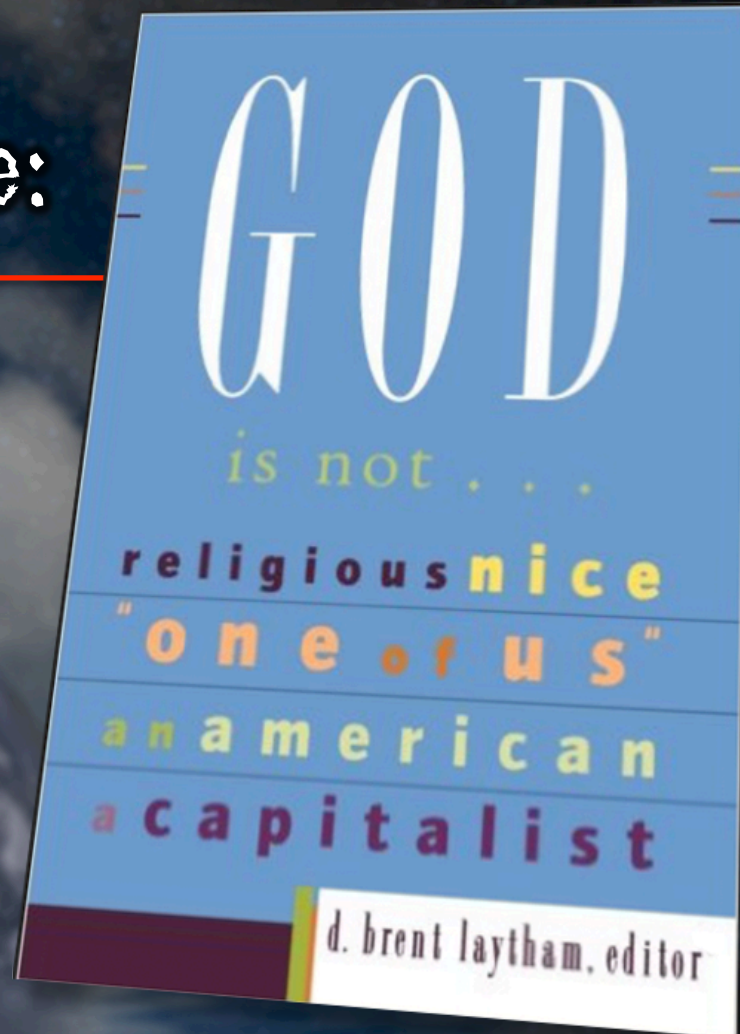
“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Luke 5:8

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, LORD; I am a sinful man!"

Resource:

God is Not
by D. Brent Laytham



God is not ...

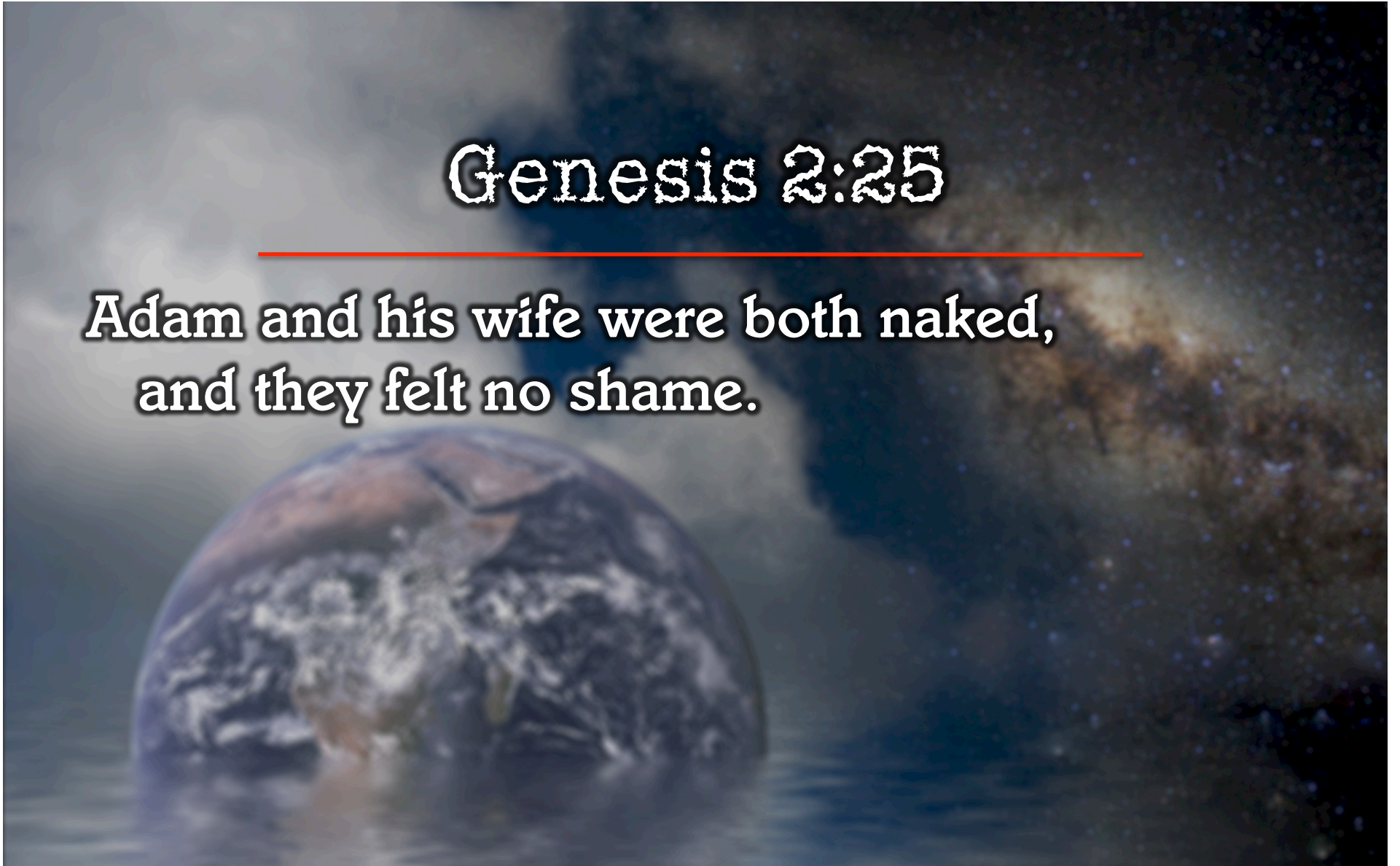
- ❖ Religious
- ❖ Nice
- ❖ “One of us”
- ❖ An American
- ❖ A capitalist

Genesis 3:10-11

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Genesis 2:25

Adam and his wife were both naked,
and they felt no shame.



Shame's offspring:

- ❖ Anxiety
- ❖ Fear
- ❖ Depression
- ❖ Fear
- ❖ Inadequacy

Genesis 3:12-13

The man said, "The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Tools of addiction:

- ❖ Denial
- ❖ Rationalization
- ❖ Projection

Whole lotta blaming:

- ❖ Adam
 - ❖ The woman
 - ❖ You put here
- ❖ Eve
 - ❖ The serpent

Still blaming:

- ❖ Racism
- ❖ Sexism
- ❖ Class conflict
- ❖ Political animosity

Genesis 3:14

So the LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

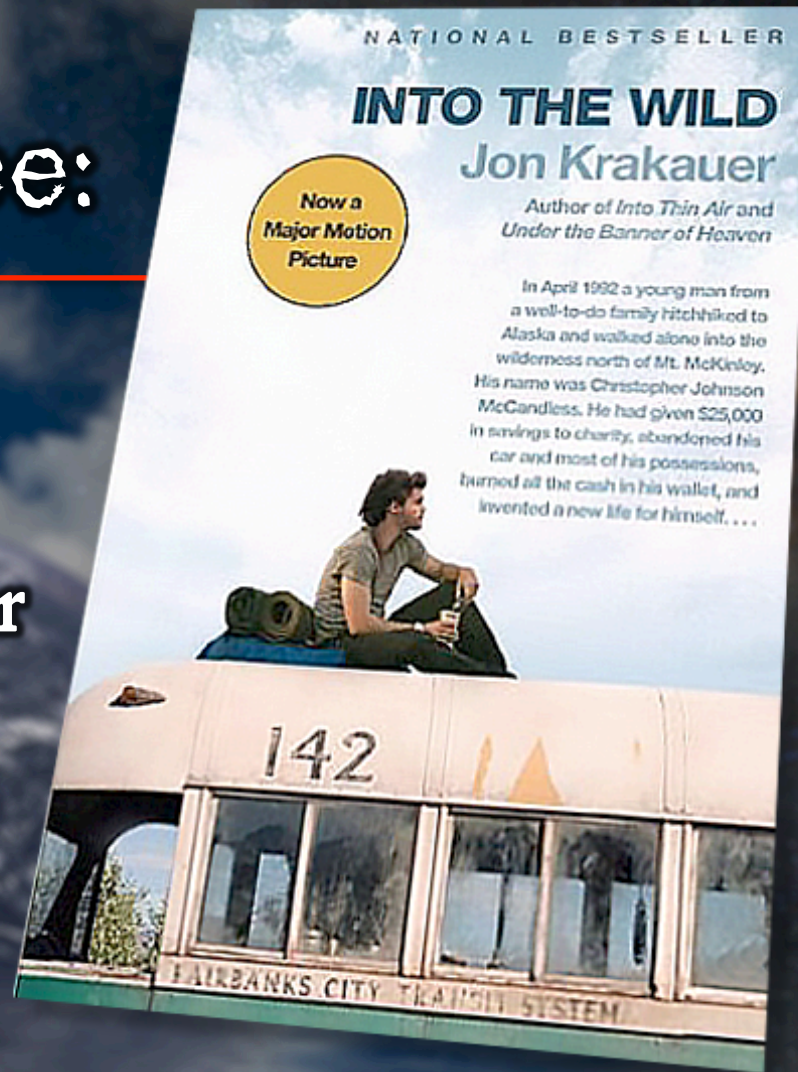
Genesis 3:16

To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”

Resource:

Into the Wild
by Jon Krakauer



Genesis 3:17-18

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’

Genesis 3:18

**“Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.
It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.**

Genesis 3:19

“By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return.”

Lie vs. Truth

- ❖ Serpent: “You will be like God” (3:5)
- ❖ LORD God: “Dust you are and to dust you will return” (3:19)

Who is the enemy?

- ❖ Plato: body
- ❖ Medieval Christians / Muslims: infidels
- ❖ Rousseau: society
- ❖ Freud: repression
- ❖ Marx: capitalist exploiters
- ❖ Nazis: untermenschen

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Galatians 3:16

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God —

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:44

[Jesus to religious leaders]: You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Mark 9:39-40

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us.”

Psalm 96:11-12

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Psalm 96:13

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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Isaiah 11:6-7

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Joy to the World

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found

Sufjan Stevens:

You came to take us

All things go, all things go

To recreate us

All things grow, all things grow

Matthew 4:23

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,
as though God were making his appeal
through us. We implore you on Christ's
behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Mark 9:41

[Jesus]: “Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.”

Bad news ...

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... Good news

- ❖ The healer king is coming.
- ❖ We are his ambassadors.





Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper