

OLD TESTAMENT #3: Divine Intentions

Picture Review

Check Past Assignment... (Genesis 25-50)

Review: Hermeneutics

THE OLD TESTAMENT (Pentateuch) IS NOT A MODEL OF MORALITY, BUT A MIRROR ON REALITY... REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORK IN HISTORY THROUGH GOOD & BAD.

BIBLE IS RELIGIOUS IN THRUST, NOT SCIENTIFIC...

ALL THINGS GOOD...

CREATION HAS AN EFFECT - causing worship, awe, gratitude... (end with Sabbath.)

Names of God: El - God, Yawheh - LORD; Jehovah?

Picture - Divine Intentions

Read Bethel - pages. (pages 17-20)

Genesis 2:4 - 25

Genesis 1 - Priestly writer - ends with worship

Genesis 2 - Yahwist - LORD GOD - Yahweh, El, Jehovah... "I am..." Intimate name...

V. 7 - word play... intimate... (Harmony with God) God shapes Adam out of dirt...

Greek - Adam/Man is body and soul; Jewish - Adam/Man is Earth and God's Spirit/Breath...

V. 8 - "Eden" - delight... paradise... What would paradise look to a shepherd, nomad... water! Trees full of fruit...

Vv. 15-17: Freedom within limits

V. 9 - 2 trees, symbols - life, knowledge, death

Tree of Life - middle, midst, a given, a gift...

Tree of knowledge of good and evil... Prohibition and warning attached to it...

Lots of questions... how can Adam grasp what death is... empty words? But he can understand that in these words, God points out his limits... Adam is not God.

Tree of knowledge is actually, the tree of death... Symbol of full, but finite human freedom

Tov - Good; Ra - Evil

Ole Hallesby: Why I am a Christian? It is the best I can be, it is what I am created to be.

Anthony Bloom, Orthodox: 3 stages of spiritual journey: 1) the slave who obeys out of fear; 2) the servant who obeys for a reward; 3) the son or daughter who obeys out of love!

V. 18 - should not be alone. Hebrew - Community.

Men and animals have the same bodies. The implied message is that from one of these Adam is to choose a companion... Naming - power over...

Vv. 21 ff. - Male dominated... women belong to their husbands... This story may be a step up for Woman... Genesis 1:27 - male and female he created them...

Vv. 24 - sexual attraction... gift... out of isolation... community...

Vv. 25: Shame... guilt is healthy... shame - you are bad, can't be forgiven... Shame comes after the fall in chapter 3.

Read Bethel - pages: 20-22