

The Parade! The Parade and the Rooftop

We experience life in sequence, moment by moment. God sees it in its entirety, past, present, and future

God's sovereignty means God rules, completely, actively, and without limitation

And here's the comfort: **the One on the rooftop isn't detached**. He's good. He's wise. And He's working all things according to His purpose

You may not see what's coming around the corner, but He does

He is not reacting to history; **He is directing it**. He is not adjusting to events; **He ordains and oversees them**. Nothing surprises Him. Nothing outmaneuvers Him

From the first page of the Bible, God is not reacting; He is revealing

If you read Genesis carefully, you realize something profound: **the story of Jesus did not begin in Bethlehem**

It began before sin ever entered the world **John 1:1-3 NKJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 NKJV**

2 He was in the beginning with God. John 1:2 NKJV

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:3 NKJV

The Bible is not a collection of **disconnected stories**. It is one story, **centered on one Person, Jesus**

And if He is sovereign over creation, over covenants, over centuries, then He is sovereign over our lives as well

Our disappointments are not outside His reach, our suffering is not beyond His oversight. Our future is not dangling in uncertainty

So, the book of Genesis opens with this reality: In the beginning, God!

Not chance, not chaos, not fate, GOD.

Genesis 1–2 The world that was meant to be

In the beginning, God created everything good. **Order, Beauty, Purpose, and Fellowship**

Humanity was made in the image of God, crowned with dignity, entrusted with stewardship, and designed for a relationship with God

There was **no death, no shame, no fear**, and most importantly, **no separation from God**

But in **Genesis 3**, everything changed

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'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that **they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **Adam and his wife hid themselves** from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and **I was afraid** because **I was naked; and I hid myself.**" 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

The excuses for not obeying

12 Then the man said, "**The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.**" 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**" 14 **So the Lord God said to the serpent:** "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.**" Genesis 3:1-15 NKJV **The First Gospel**

Sin fractured what God made perfect. **Shame replaced innocence, hiding replaced fellowship, and blame replaced responsibility**

And yet, in the middle of judgment, God speaks hope. The Protoevangelium (First Gospel)

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This is the first word picture of God's salvation plan for mankind

It is interesting that **Genesis 3:15** speaks of the seed of a woman rather than the seed of a man

This unusual wording indicates that the woman's offspring would not have an earthly father

Notice the capital "Seed." This is not just offspring in general. **This is a specific Deliverer**

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" Luke 1:34 NKJV

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35 NKJV

Jesus had an earthly mother, but not an earthly father. WHY? Very Important!

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me Psalm 51:5 NKJV

The "Seed" is not plural (seeds), but singular (Seed), **explicitly referring to Jesus Christ**

Before Adam and Eve leave the garden, **God promises a Rescuer**

Grace, let that sink in for a minute: Before the exile, there is a promise, before judgment is complete, grace is declared, repeatedly

In **Genesis 12**, Abraham is promised many physical descendants. The "**promised Seed**" specifically refers to the one who brings salvation

Centuries later, God calls a man named Abram/Abraham

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. Genesis 12:2 NKJV

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you **all** the families of the earth shall be blessed. Genesis 12:3 NKJV

That phrase matters, **all** the families of the earth

This is not just about Israel. This is global, **this is God's redemptive plan for all men**

The promise of **Genesis 3:15** narrows in **Genesis 12**. **The Seed will come through Abraham's line**

Paul clarifies in "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made." He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. Galatians 3:16 NKJV

God is not improvising, He is unfolding His plan

And here's the stunning truth, Abraham believed, and it was accounted to him as righteousness

And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness Genesis 15:6 NKJV

In **Genesis 22** comes the test on Mount Moriah

Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."
Genesis 22:2 NKJV

Abraham climbs Mount Moriah with the son of promise, and **Isaac carries the wood**. The **father carries the knife and the fire**

And Isaac **asks the question that every sinner should ask**

Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? Genesis 22:7b NKJV

Abraham answers prophetically

My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering. Genesis 22:8 NKJV

At the last moment, God stops Abraham. A ram is caught in a thicket. A **substitute dies in Isaac's place**, then Abraham names the place...

And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided. Genesis 22:14 NKJV

Here is an amazing fact: **Mount Moriah would later become Jerusalem**

This is not a coincidence; this is divine choreography

A father offering his beloved son, A son carrying the wood, A substitute provided by God

From the garden to Abraham to Mount Moriah, centuries passed, yet God was steadily moving His plan forward

What looked like scattered events are threads in a single design that lead us to Jesus Christ

We often **live moment by moment**, wondering what God is doing in our circumstances

Our story is being woven into something greater than you can currently see

Just as the thread of promise led to Christ, **God is still weaving His purposes today**

Our role is not to understand every step; it is to trust the One who holds the whole design

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; Proverbs 3:5 NKJV

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6 NKJV

Our sin did not surprise God. **The cross was not a backup plan**. It was promised from the beginning

From the very first pages of Genesis, God was already revealing His rescue plan

When sin entered the garden, and everything seemed broken, God spoke a promise: the **Seed** would come

And through centuries, through Abraham, through Mount Moriah, through prophets and promises, God kept weaving that scarlet thread of redemption until it led to Jesus Christ

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel, The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

This is why the song we're about to sing declares: **Jesus Messiah**