

# Hope is Born - Pt 3

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## Introduction

We live in a broken world filled with loss pain injustice disappointment and unanswered questions. Many believers assume that God is behind their suffering which produces confusion offense and hopelessness. Scripture does not teach that God authors evil, but rather it reveals God redeems what evil has broken. Redemption is not erasure; Redemption is transformation Today we focus on the Problem, the Plan, and the Purpose.

## The Problem

Why things are so broken

1. God created humanity with free will

*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*

*And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord*

*—Joshua 24:15*

- *Love that is forced is not love/God desired a people who would choose Him.*

## 2. Sin entered through human choice not divine design

*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*

—Genesis 3:6-7

*Therefore just as through one man sin entered the world and death through sin and thus death spread to all men because all sinned*

—Romans 5:12

## 3. Generational brokenness compounds the damage

*You shall not bow down to them nor serve them For I the Lord your God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me 6 but showing mercy to thousands to those who love Me and keep My commandments*

—Exodus 20:5-6

*Behold I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me*

—Psalm 51:5

## 4. The enemy actively works to destroy

*The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly*

—John 10:10

*Be sober be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour*

—1 Peter 5:8

5. God is sovereign, but He honors the freedom He gave

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you that I have set before you life and death blessing and cursing therefore choose life that both you and your descendants may live*

—Deuteronomy 30:19

- Not that God allows or causes but how He accomplishes His will through our choices and His redeeming power

**CRITICAL THOUGHT:**

We live in a mess that God did not cause

Sin broke it

Choices compounded it

The enemy exploited it

But God did not abandon it

**The Plan**

God's redemptive response to human brokenness

1. Jesus was the plan from the foundation of the world

*All who dwell on the earth will worship him whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*

—Revelation 13:8

*But with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest in these last times for you*

—1 Peter 1:19-20

2. God Himself stepped into our mess (suffering)

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth*

—John 1:14

*For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses but was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin*

—Hebrews 4:15

*He is despised and rejected by men A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief And we hid as it were our faces from Him He was despised and we did not esteem Him 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows Yet we esteemed Him stricken smitten by God and afflicted 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions He was bruised for our iniquities The chastisement for our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed*

—Isaiah 53:3-5

3. God does not cause evil, but He redeems it

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God to those who are the called according to His purpose*

—Romans 8:28

*But as for you you meant evil against me but God meant it for good in order to bring it about as it is this day to save many people alive*

—Genesis 50:20

4. God redeems instead of simply erases

*For His anger is but for a moment His favor is for life Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning*

—Psalm 30:5

*To console those who mourn in Zion To give them beauty for ashes The oil of joy for mourning The*

*garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness That  
they may be called trees of righteousness The  
planting of the Lord that He may be glorified*

—Isaiah 61:3

*Most assuredly I say to you that you will weep and  
lament but the world will rejoice and you will be  
sorrowful but your sorrow will be turned into joy*

—John 16:20

## **5 BIBLICAL PICTURES OF REDEMPTION FROM THE MESS**

Joseph

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it for good in order to bring it about as it is this day to  
save many people alive.*

—Genesis 50:20

Job

*I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear But now my  
eye sees You 6 Therefore I abhor myself And repent in  
dust and ashes*

—Job 42:5-6

*And the Lord restored Job losses when he prayed for his  
friends Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had  
before*

—Job 42:10

Ruth

*So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife and when he  
went in to her the Lord gave her conception and she bore  
a son*

—Ruth 4:13

The Cross

*And when they had come to the place called Calvary*

*there they crucified Him and the criminals one on the right hand and the other on the left*

—Luke 23:33

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God*

—1 Corinthians 1:18

CRITICAL THOUGHT: God does not waste suffering, He enters it. He redeems it. He transforms it. He uses it.

## **The Purpose**

Through the most challenging moments of our lives that we bring on ourselves or brought on by others they are being redeemed to bring strength, endurance, maturity.

### 1. Endurance is formed

- Trials begin by stretching our capacity to endure
- Endurance is the soil where maturity and depth take root
- God does not originate every hardship yet He faithfully works within them

*And not only that but we also glory in tribulations knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance character and character hope.*

—Romans 5:3-4

*My brethren count it all joy when you fall into various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work that you may*

—James 1:2-4

### 2. Invitation to Intimacy

*That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings being conformed to His death.*

—Philippians 3:10

*Hope deferred makes the heart sick but when the desire comes it is a tree of life.*

*—Proverbs 13:12*

*- (We still have two trees to choose from)*

*Why am I discouraged Why is my heart so sad I will put my hope in God I will praise Him again my Savior.*

*—Psalm 42:5*

### **CONCLUDING THOUGHT:**

- Israel's failure came from knowing what God did rather than who God is. They were familiar with His acts, while Moses had grown mature through knowing His ways. Because Moses understood God's nature, he remained steady through changing seasons. Israel, anchored only to what God had done, became unstable when circumstances shifted. Hope is anchored in the nature and character of God.