

The Drama of Scripture: Redemption (Part 1)

At the end of Act 2 in the Drama of Scripture Adam and Eve are lost. And because of their rebellion ALL of humanity was profoundly lost. But the Drama continues! God didn't abandon humanity and His creation. Instead, starting in Genesis 12, He sets in motion a plan to undo the effects of the fall. This plan, called redemption, is Act 3 in the Drama of Scripture. And just as sin and its effects were comprehensive, so too would be the effects of this Act of redemption.

Opening Question: Have you ever lost something of value? What did you do?

1. What is your understanding of what the theological term, "redemption," means?

Read Genesis 12:1-3

2. What are the commands to Abram? What are the promises?
3. How do we see the seeds of redemption expressed in the call of Abraham (see also Gen. 22:14-18)?

Read Genesis 26:1-5, 23-24; 35:9-12

4. How do we see the promise that was made to Abraham repeated here to Abraham's descendants (note: Isaac was Abraham's son; Jacob was Isaac's son)? What new information is giving about the promise?

Read 2 Samuel 7:12-16

5. How is God's promise to Abraham extended through king David? What additional information is given about the promise?

Read Matthew 1:1; Luke 1:32-33

6. How do these New Testament scriptures connect Jesus with the Old Testament promises to Abraham and David?

Read Acts 3:24-26

7. Peter heals a lame man (vv. 7-8) and then takes some time to explain to the gathered crowds what it all means. His central point is that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham. What does he say that Jesus came to do? And how does this undo the effects of the fall (Act 2)?
8. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise God made to Abraham back in Genesis 12:3 that "*in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*" How does it affect you knowing that God has been working out this plan of redemption throughout biblical history (through His promises and the covenants) and that we now live in times where we are experiencing the fulfillment of this promise?