

The Book

God's Good Message for Mankind Lesson #2 – The Crisis

Review:

The Bible is a book about a _____ with a _____ for His _____ which fell into a _____.

The Creation fell into a Crisis:

1. Define the crisis: S _____ and D _____ - In spite of our best efforts to avoid death we still die!
 - a. The crisis is evident in the world!
 - i. World Health Organization, 2012 – _____ million people will die in the world each year. Approximately 150,000 people die every day!
 - ii. Aids, cancer, tsunamis, hurricanes, disease, pain, tragedies, murder, war, terrorists, etc.
 - iii. We are the most advanced technological society of all times, and yet it is rare that a person lives to be _____ years old.
 - iv. How many of you have _____?
 - b. The crisis is described in the Bible:
 - i. Genesis 4:8 – The first death recorded in the Bible.
 - ii. Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31 – “and he _____”
2. Who is _____ for the crisis?
 - a. Is it _____ fault?
 - i. Genesis 1:31
 - ii. James 1:13-17

God is not responsible for our _____, but for everything _____ in our lives!
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- b. Or is it _____ fault?
 - i. Genesis 2:17 – God warned about death, before there was death.
 - ii. Genesis 3:1-7 – Man chose to sin!
 1. Sin = rebellion against God.
 2. Sin leads to death
 3. Man sinned. Therefore, man is responsible for his rebellion against God. Romans 5:12

Man is responsible for _____, and for everything marred by _____ in our lives!
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3. Man's _____ to their sin.
 - a. Attempts to hide from God – Genesis 3:8-10 – that is a sign of guilt!
 - b. _____ – Genesis 3:11-13 illustrates how we do this.
 - i. Change the _____
 - ii. Bad set of chromosomes
 - iii. Using “we” instead of “I”
 - iv. The _____ made me do it.
 - v. Explain it away – “everyone else was doing it.”
 - vi. _____ it!
4. God's response to man's sin
 - a. God pronounced the _____ for sin:
 - i. Curse upon the Serpent – Genesis 3:14-15
 - ii. Curse upon the women – Genesis 3:16
 - iii. Curse upon the man – Genesis 3:17-19
 - b. God proclaimed the _____ for sin – Genesis 3:21, see also Hebrews 9:22
5. Teachings from the Crisis
 - a. God is _____: Man is a sinner and deserves death (Romans 3:23; 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:22)!
 - b. God is _____: God graciously offers life to all who will come to Him through Christ (Romans 5:8).

Conclusion: Now that we understand man's crisis, we will turn to God's plan for His creation which fell into a crisis!

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we see the effects of the crisis in creation?
2. What are ways that we hide from our sin?
3. Why is it important to hear the “bad news” before the “good news”?
4. How does our culture define sin?
5. What happens when we ignore/redefine the crisis?