



Class One - 8/22/18

Reading:

Day 1 - Read Psalm 1, Genesis 1-3
Watch Literary Styles In the Bible

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/literary-styles-bible/>

Day 2 - Read Psalm 8, Genesis 4-7

Day 3 - Read Psalm 29, Genesis 8-11

Day 4 - Read Psalm 104, Genesis 12-15

Watch The Bible as Jewish Meditation Literature

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/bible-jewish-meditation-literature-h2r/>

Day 5 - Read Psalms 50, 51, 148

Next week you'll be finishing Genesis and exploring Job. You're welcome to read ahead in Genesis!

Reflection:

1) Why do you suppose God created a choice for humans by planting the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil? Read aloud the consequences of sin for man, woman, and the serpent. Contemplate what that means to this world today.

2) God created us to live within boundaries that He creates. He created us to be creative, have freedom and joy, and serve him within those boundaries. Why do you think the human race always wants to step outside of those boundaries? What happens when we do?

3) Why is it so tempting to eat the “forbidden fruit” and define good and evil on our own terms?

4) How is Satan’s original lie similar to the lies he tells us today? He said to Eve that she would not die, but would actually have a more fulfilling life if she ate the fruit. What are the lies he tells you? How do you detect when you are being lied to?

5) What was the sinful ambition of the people of Babel, and why did God scatter the people by confusing their language? Considering the portion of Genesis you’ve read so far - what are the many and varied consequences of sin?

6) How does God/Jesus' definition of good: serving others and practicing self-sacrificial love, ultimately triumph over the evil we often choose for ourselves? Where else can we see evidence of this triumph at work in the world?

7) Why do you suppose it took so many generations for Jesus, the promised messiah, to arrive?

8) In the end, when all wrongs are made right, all evil is eradicated, heaven and earth unite, and humanity rules together with God, will it be because humanity finally chooses God's definition, or because God overwhelms us with so much goodness that we have little choice in the matter? What are some other possible scenarios?

Extra Credit:

Watch Genesis 1-11 from the Torah Series

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/torah-genesis-1/>

Read the blog post:

3 Easy Ways to Engage the Bible

<https://thebibleproject.com/blog/3-easy-ways-engage-bible-help/>