

Adult Bible Study 2024

Week Four Notes

8/11/Sunday

Genesis 3 with Recap of Genesis 1-3 and the senses of Scripture from *Dei Verbum*

Genesis 3 Recap

- Original Solitude - Adam's loneliness
- God is all good
- Adam took advantage of all of God's generosity & trust
 - He broke God's heart. He broke Eve's heart
- Motifs & Images

Main Ideas

- Can't explain man apart from angels, from animals, or from creation
 - Heresies have a profound disorder and disdain for this order
- Gnosticism - Greek "gnosis" meaning "knowledge" - a secret knowledge needed for salvation
- Animals don't have the breath of God that Man has
 - Note Isaiah 11 & 35 when the lion and world lie down together, the child with snakes
- **God never does anything which He cannot get someone else to do**
 - God could always turn to someone to do the work He does on earth
 - He wants to be part of humanity, apart of time, for love of us
 - Angels obey. They are God's servants
 - Demons disobey
- Our Guardian Angels work so hard to protect us.
 - THANK YOU, GUARDIAN ANGEL!
- A flaming sword and Cherubim hard the tabernacle. They protect the Garden of Ede.
 - The veil
- Motifs being developed more

Big Question

- How can I change my perspective to look at Scripture through the lens of motifs & images?
 - Story of Fr. John's mom and her Bible
 - Concordance - all the major words A-Z in Scripture in a massive index
 - Complete Concordance - of ALL words including "and"
 - Pray, be faithful in the Sacraments and Liturgy, be ready and willing to submit to the Church, humble obedience
 - We read as Westerners with the Enlightenment and literal, formulaic reading

- **Read as if a child wondering about images and motifs. Being drawn into the veil, into the mystery.**
 - **Have the wonder and awe. Have the loving trust in God’s direction through the Church**
- Sola Scriptura - slogan meaning “Scripture alone” became “Solo Scriptura” meaning “I interpret SS on my own, by myself”
- Be careful of slogans! They motivate the masses
- How can I enter into Scripture personally while staying faithful to the Church? Will my interpretation and reading conflict with the Magisterium and Sacred Tradition?
 - “Creatio est nihilo” - Creation out of nothing
 - How can we explain this?
 - God fills all. He is always, forever.
 - Genesis 1 doesn’t describe where chaos comes from
 - It describes how God draws order from chaos
 - Catholic Theological construct
 - John 6 - manna, bread, Deuteronomy 4, Jesus is the Word of God and the Bread of Life. The Logos become flesh. The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are INTIMITALLY connected. It is Jesus Christ being revealed so to worship the Father.
 - Catholics live in tension!
 - Concrete AND symbolic
 - Embrace both!
- Senses of Scripture (see article)
- Article on the 4 Senses of Scripture
 - Literal (Grammatical | Historical)
 - Spiritual (Symbolic)
 - Allegorical - as it reveals the Son of God
 - Moral | Tropological - as it informs us how to live
 - Anagogical - as it tells us of the end times
 - <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/one-text-four-senses>
 - Christ first is revealed, then we are told how to live, then we can perceive and understand the end times of Heaven.