

God's Big Picture

Chapter Three:

1. How did this chapter help you understand God's unwavering, eternal plan of salvation *for his glory* (pages 47-49)?

2. How do we see God's grace in the midst of despair in (pages 49-50):
 - a) *The serpent-crusher (Genesis 3:15)*

 - b) *The marks of Cain (Genesis 4:15)*

 - c) *Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5:24)*

3. How does the explanation of "covenant" help you understand God's love and commitment to his people? (pages 51-52, figure 11)
 - a) How does this understanding give you rest and assurance in God's love for you and his people today (living under the new covenant)?

Chapter Four:

1. How did Vaughan Roberts' overview in this chapter help you get a better understanding of the Bible?

2. God's law is given on Mount Sinai. The Israelites already have a relationship with God by his grace. Law comes after relationship. (bottom of page 69). What are examples of how we typically have this backwards as we put law before relationship with God? How do you see that in your own life and in our culture?

3. How does God's law reveal (Figure 18 on page 70):
 - a. Our sin?

 - b. Our Savior?

 - c. God's standards?

4. How did Vaughan Roberts' overview in this chapter help you get a better understanding of the purpose of kingship in the OT?

5. God promises Israel that a king would rule (page 80/Genesis 49:10, Deut. 17:14-20), yet God was angry when the Israelites asked for a king (bottom of page 82). What was the sin of the Israelites in asking for a king?

6. How are you like the Israelites in your continued failure to fulfill God's law? How does this chapter encourage you with God's grace and fulfillment of his covenant regardless of our disobedience?