



THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD



In this chapter you will ...

- (1) Meet the greatest story-teller of all ... God Himself
- (2) Discover how to read His story the way He intended it to be read
- (3) Be given a guide for how to approach every text, every person, and every event of the Scriptures
- (4) Understand your place in the story ... and your place in being a story-teller

The Story of God's Glory -



"The Bible is not merely some divine guidebook, nor is it a mine of propositions to be believed or a long list

of commands to be obeyed. True, one does receive plenty of guidance from it, and it does indeed contain plenty of true propositions and divine directives. But the Bible is infinitely more than that. It is no accident that the Bible comes to us primarily by way of narrative – but not just any narrative. Here we have the grandest narrative of all – God's own story. That is, it does not purport to be just one more story of humankind's search for God. No, this is God's story, the account of His search for us ..." (How to Read the Bible Book by Book: Fee/Stuart.)

The Main Characters -

God - The Divine Protagonist.

The Father sovereign plan, secured by the Son's sacrificial death, administered by the Spirit's ever-present power.

Satan - The Destructive Antagonist.

The very real enemy and his dark forces seeking to steal the throne from the great king.

Mankind - The Needy Captive

Created for glory, marred by sin, held captive by the dragon, longing for rescue and ultimate freedom.

How to Read the Story -



Feathers - You must have an understanding of the epic narrative of God's story ... this is Biblical Theology that guides our reading of the story.

Shaft - You must approach each text of Scripture honestly and openly ... this is Exposition of Scripture that shapes our understanding of the story.

Point - You must have a soft heart to worship the author of the story ... this is Gospel Centeredness that changes life.

Story-Tellers Takeaways ...

- (1) Read the Scriptures to meet the God who went to great lengths to rescue your soul
- (2) Think regularly about how God is writing His story into your story
- (3) Be a thoughtful student of the Word of God ... reading the Bible as God intended
- (4) Share part of God's story every time you speak of your own story

My Notes:

For Discussion:

- (1) Talk about the different ways people can approach reading the Bible wrongly.
- (2) What do you hope to gain through this study of the Whole Bible? What are you willing to commit to do so that you will grow in your knowledge of, and love for, the Scriptures?
- (3) Discuss the illustration of the “arrow” and work through what each component represents.
- (4) Share how you have rightly or wrongly seen your place in the story of God.