

Introduction

Our emphasis today regarding getting the Bible into the hands of people has to do with our emphasis for this month!—Missions Emphasis Month!

The Bible is a Book about missions! Someone has rightfully said that if you removed missions from the Bible all you would have left would be the cover! The Bible is the story of God’s mission plan for lost man!

I want you to think about the how the Bible is a narrative of missions! It contains God’s love story for fallen man as well as God’s plan and purpose for the ages!

I. THE BIBLE BEGINS WITH THE NAVIGATOR OF MISSIONS—IT BEGINS WITH GOD HIMSELF!

Genesis 1:1—“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

A “*navigator*” is defined as *one who manages or directs the course of!*

When it comes to missions **God** is the one Who has **directed it and managed the course of it** from even **before the beginning until now!**
Ephesians 1:3-4—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:”

The Bible reveals that the **Navigator**, God, began navigating missions even before the world began!
2 Thessalonians 2:13—“...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:”

Titus 1:2 tells us that God, Who cannot lie, promised this thing called eternal life “*before the world began.*”

It just makes sense that since God’s Son, Jesus Christ Himself, as well the Gospel of Jesus Christ, reveals to us **the very glory of Who God is**, that we would begin with the **Navigator of Missions!**

John 1:14—“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

II. THE BIBLE CONTINUES WITH THE NECESSITY OF MISSIONS—MISSIONS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE FALL OF MAN!

A. God Created Man In His Own Image And Gave Man Dominion Over Every Living Thing On The Earth!
(Genesis 1:26-30)

B. Everything That God Created Was Good! *(Genesis 1:31)*

C. God Gave Man Liberty With Only One Limitation!
(Genesis 2:16-17)

D. The Bible Records How Adam And Eve Disobeyed God By Partaking The Fruit Of That One Prohibited Tree!
(Genesis 3)
And from that point forward, the necessity of missions was established!

E. The Bible Records How Sin Passed To All Men Through Adam!
Romans 5:12—“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

Romans 3:23—“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

III. THE BIBLE ALSO SHOWS US THE NAYSAYER OF MISSIONS—SATAN! (Genesis 3:1, 4)

A “*naysayer*” is *one who utterly denies, refuses or contradicts!*
That, my friend is what Satan is all about!

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- A. Satan Said “No” To God! (Isaiah 14:12-4)**
Satan was a created angelic being who in his pride fell away from God and he wanted the crowning achievement of God’s creation, man, to do the same!
- B. Satan Got Eve To Say “No” To God’s Word! (Text)**
2 Corinthians 11:3 – “...the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty...”
- C. Satan Got To Adam Through Eve! (Genesis 3:12)**
Eve was deceived by Satan, but not Adam...his wife gave him the fruit to eat and he did!
1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
- D. Satan Now Wants Man To Say “No” To The Gospel!**
Since the garden of Eden Satan has been at war with God over the souls of man! (**Genesis 3:15**)
2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – 3 “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

2 Corinthians 11:3 – “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- E. Satan Wants Man To Continue To Say “No” To God Period!**
And many today do that very thing!—They tell God “No”!

THE NAVIGATOR...THE NECESSITY...THE NAYSAYER...

IV. **THE BIBLE REVEALS THE NATURE OF MISSIONS—IT IS THE VERY NATURE OF GOD FOUND IN CHRIST AND HIS GOSPEL! (Genesis 3:15; 21)**

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God’s Nature would not allow Him to leave man in his lost condition!

God’s Nature insured that man could be rescued from his lost condition!

The Nature Of God And The Nature Of The Gospel Is Sacrificial Love! (John 3:16-18)
1 John 4:8b-11 – 8b “...God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”

Romans 5:8—“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Conclusion

Oh, my friend, we ALL need what God has done for us!

What a great NAVIGATOR He is in our Salvation!
He Thought It! (No one else can take credit! He gets all the glory!)
He Sought It! (Luke 19:10)
He Bought It! (With the blood of Jesus!)
He Wrought It! (He works it! He effects it! He produces it!
He performs it!)

The NECESSITY is clear!
We are ALL sinners!
The wages of sin is death!

Don’t listen to the NAYSAYER today!

Come embrace th NATURE of God found in Christ and His Gospel!