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Reading - Genesis ch 1 v 1, v3-4, v10, v12, v16-18, v25, v 29-31

Thinking about John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

The question arises, What is the world?

When God made the earth He saw it was good. God spoke the word and the worlds came into being.

God said let there be light - the wonder of the light of the world. When the sun comes it lights up the world. The light of the world - no need of the sun in heaven

God made this world plentiful - we have summer and winter - the seasons.

God made man - Work of His hands "formed from the dust of the field". God breathed life into man and he became a living soul.

The Lord Jesus Christ took upon himself the form of man.

The fall of man makes us what we are. Sin came into the world with Adam and Eve (Gen 3; Rom5:12)

Cain rose up and slew Able because of envy: an evidence of sin at its worse.

God is a God of love but also a God of judgment.

He must punish the earth because of wickedness but will make a way of escape. He gave 100 years to build the ark in Noah's day. He warned men what was coming at the same time many heard and ignored the message.

When God shuts a door no man can open it.

With Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19), God in his mercy made a way of escape but the son-in-laws never followed and Lot's wife looked back and perished.

In Jonah's day God was going to destroy Ninevah but would not do it until he had sent a warning. The people bowed before God in repentance and God in His mercy withheld the judgement.

(John 1:1) - "In the beginning was the Word"

The Lord Jesus came to the nation of Israel. Why did He come?- that men and woman should not perish. The message of the Gospel is "that whosoever believeth" - we need to take God at His word. There needs to be recognition of sin. We will not repent unless feel the need for forgiveness. "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23), "He believeth not condemned already" (John 3:18)

(John 3:14) - "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up"

We must turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, we need to believe that He died for you, He died for me. It is a personal thing, it cannot be done in a company

“ If thou shalt confess with thy mouth” (Romans 10:9)

“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom 10:13)

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”
(Romans 6:23)

“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.” (1 John 4:9)