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Farewell (for now) to the Loose Family

We envision a congregation whose love for Jesus and one another leaves a clear and compelling witness for Christ.



At the end of the month, the Loose family will be moving temporarily to San Antonio. We can't let them go without answering a few questions first.

Why are you moving? What will you be doing in San Antonio?

Dan: I have a new job at Boeing related to Boeing's newest airplane, the 747-8. I'll be leading a team of engineers responsible for overseeing the refurbishment of five airplanes that are currently in flight test. These airplanes need to be reconfigured to remove the vast amounts of test equipment and install typical airplane interiors.

How long will you be gone?

We expect to be in San Antonio for about a year and a half.

What will you miss about this region?

Dan: I'll miss the friendships and closeness we have with so many people at Pinehurst. Those can't be replaced. I'll miss the familiarity and friends within the local bowling community. And I'll miss knowing how to get places – post office, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Re-learning that in a new place will take time.

Jana: Of course I'll miss our church family. I'll miss the abundance of coffee stands, seeing the mountains (as God didn't see fit to place any in Texas...), comments from strangers about my accent, home-schooling friends and other friendships, and my dog (unless I can convince Dan to let me take her!).

Josiah: Our church

Jayden: Layla (our dog)

Judah: Layla (same dog)

What are you looking forward to in San Antonio?

Dan: Warm weather, hot weather, an interesting job assignment, outdoor fun with the family, short-sleeved shirts.

Jana: 1,000-plus Mexican restaurants, being close (275 miles) to my sister Lisa, the excitement of a year-long family adventure.

Josiah: Swimming, seeing my cousin, lots of things, and miniature golf.



Jayden: Swimming, going bowling, pineapple soda, watching baseball.

Judah: Swimming and golfing.

Anything you would like to say about Pinehurst.

Dan: I can't imagine another church that could be as much like a family to me as Pinehurst is. Of course, God can do that at other churches, I just don't know how.

Jana: When I first came to Pinehurst, I visited just once, then continued going to another church for a year and a half. I never felt like I was a part of the other church, and I eventually asked Omer (PBC's pastor) if I could use Pinehurst to host a spaghetti dinner to raise money for missions. He gave me a key to the building!

Rufus and Jean, Dale and Melba, and many others came to that dinner. The welcome I received led me to move my membership to PBC after only attending two Sundays. I felt like I was home. While this last year has been a rough one for our PBC family, I can't imagine going through it with anyone else.

Anything you would like to say directly to the people at Pinehurst.

Dan: God led me to Pinehurst on June 29, 1997. I'd been in Washington for four months and had been looking for a church with an early service (I wanted to be home in time to watch football at 10 a.m.). Miraculously – supernaturally – my search ended at Pinehurst, which had no early service. My life as I know it has been irreversibly shaped by God through the people of Pinehurst. Your investment in me will continue to pay dividends for years to come. Thank you to those who've loved me these past 14 years.

Jana: Thank you for loving us, teaching us, and loving our boys. I lost my parents long ago, but thanks to people like the Wainscotts, the Comptons, the Scrudders, the Lopezes and many others, I feel like God gave me parental figures as well as good friends. Thank you for pouring into our lives, for encouraging us as a young couple (Dan and I met at Pinehurst through Ben and April Trigsted) and for helping us raise these boys. People like the Burnses, the Hinckleys, the Sheppards, the Wainscotts, and Mrs. Barbara Fleck have helped us so much as we muddle through trying to raise Godly children. We love you all, PBC, and while we'll find a church in TX, it'll be hard not to compare them to you. We know you're in good hands and we look forward to seeing what God does here.

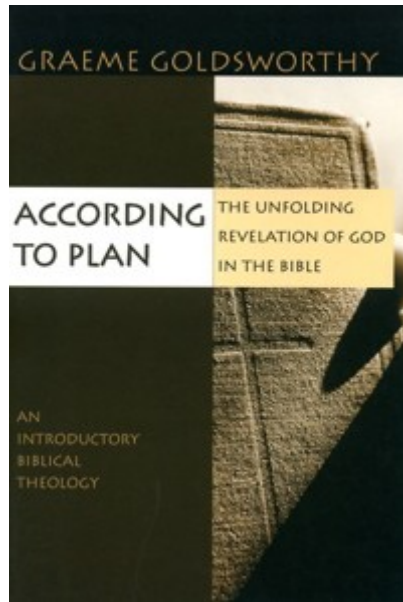


Book Review: Graeme Goldsworthy's *According to Plan* by Brian Watson

Recently, we have added several new titles to the PBC Resource Center (see the list below). One of those books is one that I read recently called *According to Plan* by Graeme Goldsworthy. This book discusses the unified nature of the Bible, which reflects God's sovereignty over history. Indeed, God has worked out history according to his plan, which existed before the creation of the world. Goldsworthy sees one unifying theme: the kingdom of God. As he moves through the Bible, summarizing periods of biblical history through a theological lens, he traces three key elements: "God as ruling Lord, his people and the created order in which God and his people relate" (p. 11). In other words, the Bible shows how God's people live in God's place under God's rule. To miss the way the Bible progressively reveals truth is to misunderstand how the Old and New Testaments relate to each other, which leads to misinterpretations of the Bible.

The way that Goldsworthy examines the Bible would fall under the heading of biblical theology. If someone were to ask me what my theology is, if I adhere to a certain theological system, I would say I am a biblical theologian. What does that mean? In Goldsworthy's own words, "The nature of the Bible is such that the way through these problems [how the Old and New Testaments are related and how they should be interpreted] is to look at how the Bible holds together as one book with one message. Biblical theology is, in effect, the study of the unity of the message of the Bible" (p. 20). Biblical theology assumes that God is in control of history and that the message of the Bible is the unified story of what God is doing in history, according to his plans.

Goldsworthy also examines the source of truth. He recognizes three broad categories of how people arrive at what they believe to be true. The first is secular humanism, the idea that we can know everything there is to know through science, reason, and observation. "The assumption in this approach is that we as human beings are in control of the whole process of gaining knowledge" (p. 38). This



method of arriving at truth assumes there is no God, or that God doesn't have anything to do with ascertaining truth.

The second method of discovering truth is theistic humanism. This approach acknowledges God to a certain degree, but still assumes that people are in control of knowledge. This view believes that we are able to know everything there is to know about the physical world; we only need God's help for spiritual matters.

The last view regarding truth is the Christian one, called Christian theism. This view assumes the Bible is true, God created everything, and God is distinct from his own creation. Because sin taints our minds, we must look to God's revelation, found in his word, to understand reality. According to the author, "God's act of creation was absolutely free. That is, God was not compelled to create by some force or necessity that he could not control... What he wanted to happen did happen, and the history of the creation, including our human history, is determined by his sovereign will. On this basis God, and God alone, can interpret every fact in reality" (p. 42).

Why does all of this matter? The way that we view the Bible and the worldview that we adopt change the way that we consider every aspect of

life. If we believe the Bible is true and authoritative, we will bring all of our thoughts under its authority, which is another way of saying we will bring all of our thoughts and deeds under God's authority. Many Christians do not seem to have a biblical worldview, one that dictates that Scripture must interpret every experience, every thought, every emotion, and every deed. (Most of us interpret Scripture by our reasoning, our emotions, and our experience, instead of seeing how the Bible interprets itself.) This changes the way that we live. Ideas have consequences. How we view the world, including what we believe to be true, changes our lives.

This book opened up my eyes to the importance of seeing the Bible as the authoritative source of truth. It has also helped me understand the major themes of Scripture and how they are developed throughout the Bible. I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Other New Titles in the Resource Center

The God Who Is There by D. A. Carson

Science, Creation and the Bible by Richard Carlson and Tremper Longman

Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes

Generous Justice by Timothy Keller

King's Cross by Timothy Keller

The Case for Life by Scott Klusendorf

Reading the Bible with Heart & Mind by Tremper Longman

Don't Waste Your Sports by C. J. Mahaney

Worldliness by C. J. Mahaney (editor)

Radical by David Platt

Redeeming Science by Vern Poythress

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney

Redemption by Mike Wilkerson