

Let's Worship God

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Monday - Genesis 3:14-15 - The First Gospel Promise

God has created a beautiful world. He has placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and blessed them with all they could need or want. It is truly Paradise. They have permission to eat from every tree except one. But Adam and Eve, deceived and tempted by Satan, choose to disobey. When God confronts them, all they can do is blame each other as their Paradise disappears before their eyes. God, their Judge as well as their Creator, must now deal with their sin.

God begins His judgement where the sin began - with the serpent. Satan's tools must share in Satan's punishments, so the snake is cursed to crawl on its belly. God now curses Satan. But it is the great promise contained in this curse that Adam and Eve must have latched onto in their despair. God tells them that Satan will fight against mankind, trying to destroy them however possible, but one day Someone will come, born of a woman. Satan will attack and hurt Him, but this One will crush and destroy Satan. This is the first promise of Jesus. Jesus' life is full of suffering and in His crucifixion it seems like Satan wins. But in the resurrection Jesus destroys Satan and his power over death and hell.

God has poured out His mercy and grace to Adam and Eve. No sooner have they destroyed their relationship with God than He provides a cure to heal it. Through faith in God's promise that He will send a Saviour, Adam and Eve are saved as we are saved through faith in God's promise that He has sent a Saviour.

Questions

1. What promise did God give Adam and Eve?
2. How are Adam and Eve saved?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God has provided a Saviour.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2b

Praise: Psalm 70- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Genesis 3:16-19 - Justice and Mercy

Eve's punishment has two parts. The first is pain in childbirth - this isn't just labour pains, but all the sorrow, fear, and worry that come with children. The second part of her punishment deals with authority. Man is always to be head of the home, but sin has made this hard for women to bear. If man had not sinned, he would always have ruled with wisdom and love; and, if the woman had not sinned, she would always have obeyed with joy and humility. But God mixes mercy with judgement. Women will have sorrow, but it will be in bearing children who will give her joy. She must be subject, but it is to her own husband who loves her, not to a stranger. This is not a curse to destroy her, but a chastisement, to bring her to repentance.

God makes it clear that Adam is to blame for his sin. The world is cursed for Adam - cursed with barrenness, thorns, danger from animals and plants, and other natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, and fire. Work will no longer be a constant pleasure, but it will be hard and often fruitless. Our bodies will also deteriorate and die. Because Adam represents all of us in his actions, we all share in the consequence of his sin. Human life is full of misery, pain, and hardship, but we have no reason to complain. God is perfectly just. The amazing thing is that even though we know what the consequences of sin are, we keep sinning.

Questions

1. What was Eve's punishment?
2. What was Adam's punishment?
3. Were these punishments fair?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for forgiveness for your sins.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2b

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Wednesday - Genesis 3:20-4:2 - Shut Out of Paradise

God provides Adam and Eve with clothing that is now necessary because of sin. In order for them to have clothing animals must be killed showing them what death is. These animals are a sacrifice that covers up their nakedness. This points to Jesus, the sacrifice whose righteousness covers up our sin.

Adam and Eve are now shut out of paradise. The tree of life is forbidden to them, and they have lost their ability to speak to God. Their relationship with God is broken, and it must be restored by Jesus. God could have sent Adam to hell, but in His mercy He sends him out to the world to work. There is no hope of re-entry into the old paradise. Jesus will provide a way to the new paradise.

Cain and Abel are Adam and Eve's first children. Eve recognises that these children are a gift from God. Both Cain and Abel have a calling like their parents. What is a calling? It is a job or work that God has called you to do. How do you know if something is your calling? If it doesn't cause you to sin, if it helps you serve and enjoy God, and if God has given you the desire and opportunity to do it, it's probably your calling.

Questions

1. What does God give Adam and Eve for clothing?
2. How can we speak to God today?
3. What is a calling?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the work Jesus has done for us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Genesis 4:3-7 - Worship in Spirit and Truth

The worship of God has been around from the beginning. Cain and Abel have probably been trained by their parents in how to worship God and what it means. Now they both come to worship the Lord with an offering. However, God accepts Abel's offering but not Cain's. Why? Cain does not want to honour God in his heart; he is not offering a sacrifice out of faith. Abel's sacrifice is offered from a heart full of faith. God also wants a blood sacrifice in His worship. He has said that there must be blood for there to be forgiveness. Cain, even though he must have been raised by Adam and Eve to know what kind of sacrifice to offer, wants to decide for himself what he will sacrifice to God. Abel sacrifices the firstborn and best of his sheep just as God wants. Our desire should be for our worship to please God as Abel's did? How will it? Only if it is done with a right heart and done the way God tells us.

Cain is angry at God's treatment of his sacrifice and envious of Abel. God, who notices every bad attitude, shows patience and mercy to Cain in warning him of his sin. He asks Cain if he has a just cause to be angry. The answer is, of course, no. Obedience will bring the acceptance Cain wants. If he repents of his anger and believes, God will forgive and love him, but if not, God warns him, more sin will come. The way of sin is always downhill.

Questions

1. What was wrong with Cain's sacrifice?
2. How can our worship please God?
3. What will happen if Cain holds onto his anger?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would worship God with a right heart, His way.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2b

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Friday - Genesis 4:8-15 - The First Murder

Cain's anger progresses to murder just as God has warned. Jesus in Matthew 5:22 says that anyone who hates someone has already murdered them in their heart. Abel is the first martyr who dies for his faith at the hands of one who hates God. But God always deals with the murder of His people as Cain is about to find out.

God brings the first murderer up on trial. He knows what Cain has done, but He gives Cain the opportunity to confess, repent, and throw himself upon God's mercy. Cain, however, pleads 'not guilty', lying to cover up his murder, and showing how easy it is for one sin to lead to another. Then, as if he hasn't done enough, Cain accuses God of having no right to ask him where Abel is. But God has always told us that we are to be our brother's keepers, to love them as we love ourselves. The blood of the murdered is calling out for the blood of the murderer, and it is time for Cain to hear his sentence. Instead of executing Cain right there, God curses him to wander the earth in shame, haunted by his own guilt, unable to grow anything, and separated from the love and care of God until his death brings him under the ultimate wrath of God in hell.

Cain still has time to repent and beg for mercy, but instead he complains about an unfair punishment. He assumes that all other people are just like him and will take any opportunity to kill him. But God protects Cain, so that His just sentence can be carried out.

Questions

1. How do you murder someone in your heart?
2. How are we supposed to be our brother's keepers?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be filled with love for those around us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

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Saturday - Genesis 4:16-26 - Two Different Children

Cain willingly leaves God's presence, refusing to repent, leaving his family behind, and separating himself from all who love God. He is now doomed to find no rest as rest can only be found in God. His children and grandchildren are quick to follow in his footsteps. Some of Cain's descendants are very talented. God, in His grace, gives to unbelieving men and women gifts and abilities which may make them rich and famous in this world, but without the gift of faith, these common gifts are ultimately worthless to those who have them. One of Cain's descendants is the first to break God's law of marriage and has two wives. This same man, Lamech, arrogantly brags to his wives that he has committed a murder. He then presumes that God will protect him as God protected Cain. These proud and rebellious words are the last we hear of Cain's family until they are all destroyed in the Flood.

The murder of Abel and the rebellion of Cain must have been a huge source of grief to Adam and Eve, especially as they realised that these sins are the consequence of their first sin. God shows His tenderness and compassion to them in sending them another son, Seth. When God takes away one comfort, He always provides another, and He uses the death of His people to bring others into the Church. Adam and Eve must have had great joy as they see their family rebuilt and their children and grandchildren believing and trusting in God.

Questions

1. What does Lamech brag to his wives about?
2. What would have brought joy to Adam and Eve?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2b

Praise: Psalm 75 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

The goal of Let's Worship God is to encourage and help you in your worship of God each day.

**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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