

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

--GENESIS 3:15--

INTRODUCTION:

Our world is obsessed with the future and the end of the world. Many doomsday prophets have come and gone, and the world continues on, but we know that a day of judgment is coming. Scripture does not give us a date, but clearly predicts its coming. So how do we know the prophets who wrote the Bible wrote trustworthy predictions? We know the Scriptures are trustworthy because those prophets who wrote the Bible were inspired by God, the Scriptures were God-breathed, and the prophecies of the Bible have a proven track record.

This morning and next week we are going to look at Christmas and the incarnation of Jesus Christ in two Old Testament passages. This morning we will begin in the opening pages of the Bible, in the book of Genesis. This prophecy is in fact the first prophecy concerning the Messiah or Deliverer that is given to us in God's Word.

I. THE CONTEXT (Genesis 3:1-21)

- a. I want to make sure you understand the significance of predictive _____.
- b. The passage of Scripture that we read this morning is without a doubt one of the _____ passages of Scripture in the whole Bible.
- c. We have read this morning what happened when they _____ God.
- d. Even when God gave them the opportunity to _____ instead of taking responsibility for their sin, they tried to pass the blame.
- e. As God surveyed the wreckage caused by the _____ of Adam and Eve, He immediately begins to deliver judgment. (Genesis 3:14; Ezekiel 28:17)
- f. Between the judgment of the serpent and the judgments of the woman and the man, God gives a _____.

II. ENMITY BETWEEN SATAN AND THE WOMAN (Genesis 3:15a)

- a. This promise of _____ begins with a prophecy that there will be enmity between the serpent and the woman. (Revelation 20:2b)
- b. Eve understood that she had made a huge _____ when she listened to Satan through the serpent and because of that she would never be a fan of the serpent.

III. ENMITY BETWEEN SATAN'S SEED AND THE WOMAN'S SEED (Genesis 3:15b)

- a. God goes on in Genesis 3:15 to say that this enmity will not just be between that woman and the _____.
- b. But that it would continue throughout history between the seed or offspring of Satan and the _____ or offspring of the woman. (Ephesians 2:1-3; John 1:12)

IV. THE WOMAN'S SEED WILL CRUSH SATAN'S HEAD (Genesis 3:15c)

- a. The next phrase of this verse is where we begin to really see Christmas, because suddenly the seed of the woman has become a specific _____. (Galatians 3:15-16)
- b. So why through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit does Moses, the author of Genesis, use this _____ abnormally? (Luke 1:35)

V. SATAN WILL BRUISE THE HEEL OF THE WOMAN'S SEED (Genesis 3:15d)

- a. The final two phrases of this verse speak of the greatest _____ for the souls of men ever waged on earth.
- b. Satan failed to realize that the death of Jesus Christ was his _____.
- c. So why is Satan still around and exercising so much power if he has been _____ by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ?

CONCLUSION:

The consequence for eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was death. The moment that Adam and Eve ate the fruit they died spiritually. Their relationship with God was severed and they no longer enjoyed the communion that they had with their Creator before their sin. They also began to physically age and death became the plague of the human race. There is also a third aspect of death and that is eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. But the promise of the coming of the woman's Seed and His death and resurrection makes it possible for man to become spiritually alive through faith in Christ, our physical death then becomes a doorway into the presence of God, and it also assures us that we will escape the judgment of God and the lake of fire. When we believe that Jesus Christ's death on the cross paid the penalty for sin and that He rose from the dead on the third day after His death, we are forgiven, we are justified, we are saved from future judgment. There is nothing that we can do on our own to make ourselves acceptable to God. This is also demonstrated for us in the 3rd chapter of Genesis. Adam and Eve made leaf coverings for themselves in hopes of making themselves acceptable to God. Verse 21 tells us that God made garments of skin and clothed Adam and Eve. This was to show Adam and Eve that death was required for sin. An animal had to die so that Adam and Eve could be clothed, and God provided the clothing and clothed them. A beautiful picture of God's gift of eternal life and Christ clothing us in His perfect righteousness that we might be acceptable to God.

God has provided a way for you and me to be acceptable to Him, that way was through the incarnation of His Son that first Christmas. Jesus Christ was born into the world that He might pay the price for our sin. The gift is yours for the taking. We receive a lot of gifts at Christmas time, but of all the gifts you are offered this is the most important one to receive. Have you received this gift?

For those who have already received this gift, this is a wonderful time of the year to reflect and be thankful for what God has done for you through Christ. Come and worship at the manger, come and worship at the cross, come and worship at the empty tomb and anticipate worshipping at the throne.