

Protoevangelium - Genesis 3 **Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

Notes from the Sermon

It is hard to read a story or a novel without there being some sort of adversary that we want to see the good guys beat. We want to see The Emperor defeated by Luke Skywalker; we want to see Sauron defeated by the Hobbits; we want to see Voldemort defeated by Harry Potter; We want to see the White Witch defeated by Aslan. We love a good villain because it makes the good guys good. It gives the good guys a mission to accomplish.

This is true until it comes to our own lives. We don't like villains in our own lives. We don't like adversaries of our own that try to thwart our plans or cause us to suffer. As Christians, we have the ultimate adversary, don't we? We have Satan, the Devil, the deceiver and liar who has real power and who, from the beginning, has sought the destruction of Mankind.

Our study this summer called "THE SERPENT MUST DIE" is a mountain peak look at how Jesus keeps his promise to destroy our enemy, Satan, throughout the scriptures. This promise first comes in Genesis 3 when we see the First Gospel, the first promise of good news that the offspring of Adam and Eve will crush the head of the serpent.

Genesis 1-3 give us our origin story, the story of how God created us and all things, how God gave Adam and Eve a promise that if they obeyed Him, trusted Him, and didn't eat of one tree (just one tree, out of a garden and world full of trees), they would live forever. If they disobeyed, distrusted Him, and ate of the tree, they would surely die. Then, the Serpent enters. He tempts Adam and Eve, calling God a liar and promising that they would be their own gods if they eat of the tree. Adam and Eve give in and eat, seeing that this offer sounds good to them.

Their perfect relationship with God was shattered, their peace was ended and turned to shame, and their guilt is shown by their realization of being naked. And as God walked in the garden with them, their comfort with their God was replaced by fear. God confronts them, and ultimately, addresses the Serpent, cursing it and making a promise - One day, the serpents head would be crushed. Genesis 3:15 says,

**I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."**

It has been said famously, and is true, that the rest of Scripture, the rest of history, is the playing out of that promise, that One would come and crush the Serpent and bring about redemption and restoration to God's people and His creation.

Many of us often feel defeated and it seems like we're being kicked while we are down. The Scriptures continually remind us that Jesus is the ultimate victor, in our lives and over the evils of this world. And while we all will go through difficult times, sometimes horrific and awful events and seasons, the promise is that God has overcome, He is with us, and He has not and will not forsake us. We are hoping that this series is a good reminder that God has always been for us and, even at the beginning of human history, has taken every step necessary to save us, keep us, love us, adopt us, and hold onto us. He did this through the Son, who in His death and

resurrection, defeated death, hell, the grave, and Satan forever. Jesus will win, Jesus already won, and Jesus is winning today. We can truly find our rest and peace in Him, who has declared, THE SERPENT MUST DIE, and every day of history is a record of His victory over all our enemies.

Bible Reading for the Week

Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Kings 16	1 Kings 17	1 Kings 18	1 Kings 19	1 Kings 20	1 Kings 21	1 Kings 22

Reading from this past week’s sermon: Genesis 3
 Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Genesis 22

Family Worship

Song - *I Believe*

<https://youtu.be/d7PRGMQxNcM?si=0i89qL0YNRQhv0Mc>

Gospel Project

Unit: Jesus the Healer
 Story: Jesus’ Second Miracle
 Big Picture Question: Why Did Jesus perform miracles?
 Answer: Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.
 Scripture: John 4

New City Catechism

Question 22: Why must the Redeemer be truly human?
 Answer: That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin.
 Verse: Hebrews 2:17

Genesis 3

- Adam and Eve fell because they wanted to be the boss of their own life, and we often live that way too. What are the consequences of living our lives thinking we are God?
- When confronted with their sin, Adam and Eve tried to shift the blame to the serpent and to one another. Do you try to blame others, even the Devil, for your sin? Why is it so hard for us to admit guilt and repent of our sin?
- Do you often feel beat up by the world and those who hate Christians? How does the truth that Jesus will overcome the world and all our enemies help you to process the world?
- God clothed Adam and Eve to cover their shame in Genesis 3:21 - how did God cover your shame and sin? How does he continue to do that when we sin today?

Prayer

*Pray that we would know our true enemy and also realize that we need a Savior to rescue us.

*Pray for the Mirasol and Windswept Farms neighborhoods here in Eureka.