

A Seed of Hope: Outline

Theme:

The good world that God created for mankind's enjoyment was sabotaged by man's rebellion to the command of God but finds its fix in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Introduction

Title: A Seed of Hope

Opening Remarks: The first mentioning of the The Gospel of Jesus Christ is revealed in Genesis 3:15 (known as the protevangelium).

Passage

Context of Passage: Genesis 1-2

- God is creator of all things.
- Mankind is the zenith of God's creation, created in his image, "to glorify Him and enjoy him forever" (Gen. 1:26-27).
- God placed man in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and enjoy him by obeying his word (Gen. 2:15).
- God commanded mankind to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because if he ate, "he will surely die" (Gen. 2:17).

Read: Genesis 3

Summary:

- The "original sin" of mankind's rebellion led to their exile from the Garden of Eden.

Explaining the Serpent

- The serpent is crafty which means he is wise (Gen. 3:1).
- The serpent is a part of God's creation (3:1).
- The serpent is influenced by an enemy of God (3:1).
- The serpent seeks to destroy the image of God through deception (3:1-4).

Expounding on the Serpents Identity

- The serpent is "Satan" (Rev. 12:9).

Insights / Key Verse Breakdown

Read: Genesis 3:15

Insight 1: In the Midst of a Curse God Reveals a Blessing

- The offspring of the serpent are those who live in rebellion to God (Jn. 8:44; Eph. 2:2)
- The offspring of Eve are those who live in total obedience to God.
 - Abram's seed are called to be the seed of Eve (Gen. 15:1-4). But they failed.
 - King David's seed was promised to be the seed of Eve (2 Sam. 7). Narrowing down the seed of Eve of Genesis 3:15 to be one man from the lineage of David.
 - Jesus is the seed of Eve (Rom. 16:17-20).

Insight 2: The Enemy's Attack Led to the Enemy's Defeat

- Christ was wounded as he was crucified by the seed of the serpent (Acts 2:36).
- However, Christ wins the victory over death and crushes the enemy under his feet (Rom. 16:20).

Applying the Word

Question 1: When I look at the pleasures of this world, do I recognize Christ as true joy?

Question 2: When everything seems to go wrong, am I aware that God is working it for the good of me and His Church?

Quotes

- God never wanted man to enjoy the gift of the Garden more than he enjoyed the Giver of the garden.
- Obeying the command of God is how we communion with God.
- The presence of God is the only place that host true pleasure.
- Whatever can get you to doubt the sovereignty and goodness of God's word is the same thing that you enable to have authority in your life.
- The goal of the enemy is to destroy the image of God through deception.
- In the Midst of a Curse God Reveals a Blessing.

- The Enemy's Attack Led to the Enemy's Defeat.
- We were never meant to be God, we were meant to enjoy God.