

SERIES: The Basics of God's Word – A Study in Genesis 1-11

TITLE: The Basics of Redemption

TEXT: Genesis 3:20-24

I. The Pronouncement of a New Name (3:20)

- **This statement by Adam is really a declaration of faith.**
 - When Eve was created...Adam said..."**Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**"
 - Now Adam says – her name will be "**Eve; because she was the mother of all living.**"
 - Remember what Adam has just heard God say – Gen 3:15 – “the seed of the woman” is going to be the source of redemption for mankind for sin and evil...
 - And ADAM, by faith, as soon as GOD is done speaking, Adam declares... I BELIEVE YOU...
- And we know that the only one who can do this – taking what is dead and making it alive...
 - Is Jesus Christ.
 - He is the seed of the woman.
 - He is the one who will crush the serpent's head
 - Jesus came to bring life – eternal, spiritual life that conquers the curse of death...
 - Eve will no longer be remembered as “the woman” who was deceived to sin...
 - But Adam renames her as the source by which mankind can have redemption and life and hope...

II. The Provision of New Clothes (3:21)

- Adam and Eve have sinned, realized their nakedness, tried to make coverings out of the figs leaves...
 - But it doesn't take away their shame and they hide in the trees...
 - We see that God extends grace...
 - He doesn't just send them out of the garden naked
 - GOD MADE (v21) coats of skins for them, and “Clothed them”
 - The very first instance of death hinted at in the Scriptures.
 - **All sin leads to death, but death is the only way to deal with sin.**
 - What God does, in his grace towards Adam and Eve, and in keeping with his entire plan of REDEMPTIVE HISTORY...
 - **Is that God provides a sacrifice,**
 - We have been bought with a great price...
 - Jesus Christ died as the payment for our sin...

III. The Protection in a New Home (3:22-23)

- The Trinity urgently responding to the issue that mankind, who is now in a sinful state, - if he were to eat of the tree of life – he would be stuck in that state of sin forever.
- God can barely finish His sentence before He made sure that this might not be a reality for mankind.
- **WHAT GRACE!**
 - God undoubtedly knew that if Adam and Eve had access to the tree of life, they would be tempted to take of it...

- What we find, is that God takes no chances that Adam and Eve, with their freewill to disobey, might eat of a tree that would make them stuck in their sin and make them irredeemable.
- **2 Peter 3:9**

IV. The Pathway to a New Hope (3:24)

- **Notice that he placed Cherubims.**
 - What are these?
 - Angelic beings,
 - Any time we see them mentioned in Scripture, they are busy guarding or protecting the presence and might and glory of a holy God.
 - Since the Garden of Eden was the place of God's presence,
 - Perhaps the most notable other place in Scripture we see cherubim is on top of the Ark of the Covenant.
- **Notice something else...**
 - They Adam/Eve expelled from Eden to the east.
 - Any time we see the reference of someone moving to the East in the book of Genesis, it is because they are moving away from the presence of God and into the wilderness.
 - But in Genesis, intentionally moving East is always moving from a place of protection, and sanctuary to a place of exile and away from God's presence.
 - And it is always MOTIVATED BY SIN!
 - **Gen 4:16; Gen 11:2; Gen 13:11-13**
- **Why is this important?!**
 - Spiritually speaking – one must move from the wilderness and exile and sin associated with the East...to enter God's presence in the West.
 - **Mankind in His sin, is exiled from God, removed from His presence, and unable by his own ability to go back.**
 - What Mankind needs someone from the EAST, who can overcome the holiness and satisfy justice of God to lead us back into fellowship and the presence of God.
 - That one would be born among mankind - in the sin-sick, wilderness of the East
 - To lead mankind to redemption.
 - **And bring man back into the presence of God**
 - **This is GRACE.**
- **Conclusion**
 - **Do you know, believer, what is going to be true in Heaven?**
 - **The redeemed will have Heavenly Names** *Rev 22:4*
 - **The redeemed will have Heavenly Clothes** *Rev 19:8*
 - **The redeemed will live in a protected Heavenly Home** *Rev 21:27*
 - **The redeemed have a heavenly hope** *Rev 22:14*
 - **These two accounts on the bookends of human history...tell the same story...**
 - **"where sin did abound, grace did much more abound"**