

Sermon Notes

“Reason to Rejoice”

Psalm 107

January 26, 2020

7. From other passages in Scripture we know that there is such a being as Satan. He was created perfect but fell away from virtue through pride and he carried many other angelic beings with him in his rebellion against God. He presented himself in the garden at the beginning of history as a serpent to tempt the first man and woman. What light do these verses give us on the identity and action of this serpent?

Matthew 13:19

John 8:44

John 12:31

Revelation 12:9

8. Throughout this study, we are seeking to grasp how the passage we're studying fits into the bigger story of God's plan of redemption. How does Genesis 1 and 2 help us understand not only how history began but also where history is headed? How does Genesis 3 help us to make sense of the rest of the Bible, of the world we live in, and of ourselves?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Marilynn and Howard Plucar, Reach Global Europe and Asia Pray regarding their added responsibilities as Directors of Member Care. Ask for wisdom as they will be scaling back direct involvement with those they serve in Asia and Europe.

Introduction

Series Reading Schedule

Jan 12 – Gen 1

Jan 19 – Gen 2-3

Jan 26 (Break from series)

Feb 2 – Gen 4-5

Feb 9 – Gen 6-9

Feb 16 – Gen 10-11

Feb 23 (Break from series)

Conclusion

Benediction: Psalm 126:3

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 01-26-20

Questions adapted from Nancy Guthrie, The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2011, pp. 31-87; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Genesis, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 20-22.

Getting Started:

1. If you were producing a skit of Genesis 1-3, how many characters would you need? Before you review the chapters, how many can you name off the top of your head?

Digging Deeper:

This week we will review Genesis 1-3 by examining some other key scriptures about them. Skim Genesis 1-3 before continuing.

2. One of the shocking claims of the NT writers is that Jesus, in his pre-incarnate state, created the world! The following verses give us a glimpse of Jesus before his birth. How do we know from these verses that he existed before his conception/birth? How far back does his existence extend?

John 1:15, 30

John 8:58 (take special note: how would this be different if he had said "I was" instead of saying "I am"?)

John 17:5, 24 (take note not only of the time marker, but also what his pre-existence was like according to these verses).

1 Pet. 1:20

3. The Apostle John began his Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... Through him all things were made ..." (John 1:1, 3). Where does the Word of God appear in Genesis 1:1-3? What do you think John was claiming about Jesus by calling him the Word? Why does John open with "in the beginning" as Genesis does? What light does John's statement throw on Genesis?

How do the following verses add to this understanding?

Heb 1:1-2

Col. 1:16

4. Hebrews 11:1-3 tells one lesson we can learn from Genesis 1:1- 2:3. What is that lesson?
5. According to Romans 1:20-21, how should humans respond to God's revelation of Himself in creation? What happens to those who don't respond like this (Romans 1:21-32)? What do these observations imply for your life?
6. The book of Revelation describes the recreation of the world as even more glorious than the first creation. Compare Genesis 1:2-5 to Revelation 22:5, Genesis 1:6-10 to Revelation 21:1, and Genesis 1:14-19 to Revelation 21:23. What do you observe?