



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS

Topic: First Proclamation
Series: Live On Mission
Chapters: Genesis 3 & 4 **Sep. 18th, 2024**

Central Text: Genesis 3:15, NKJV, 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head (**fatal, eternal blow**), And you shall bruise His heel (**fatal, non-eternal blow**).
Genesis 3:21, NKJV, 21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Lesson Summary

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, securing a judgment of death, but God lovingly provided a path to eternal reconciliation in Genesis 3:15 & 21. *We all have sinned and earned a judgment of death*, but **God gave us a gift of eternal redemption through Jesus' death, burial, & resurrection**. Seth, Adam and Eve's son post-Abel's murder, was among the early men who "began to call on the name of the Lord" (Gen.4:26), which paved the way for men to proclaim God's goodness faithfully. Noah, who's described as a "just man, perfect in his generations," (Gen. 6:9), is a descendant of Seth and honored God's instruction during a time when the earth was "filled with violence" (Gen. 6:13). God paved a way for His creation to be reconciled to Him from the very beginning of the biblical canon, and offers us instructions on how we can proclaim this truth to others.

Lesson Outcome

The hearers of this lesson will learn to **share God's path to reconciliation** as He has from the beginning of the biblical canon. The **Law of Moses** has a clear missional interpretation, and students will understand it and be equipped to share it.

How do we share God's First Proclamation?

1. Share Jesus' Victory Over Satan, Sin, & Death From The Very Beginning – Genesis 3:15

Satan's End in Scripture: Revelation 20:7-10, NKJV

Question For Dialogue: Most people desire greater understanding of things that aren't clear. It's important for believers to have a comprehensive understanding of their faith and seek to have their questions answered from the **Truth** that God has provided. *How does taking a high level view of all of scripture excite you to share God's plan of Salvation from the very beginning in the book of Genesis?*

2. Share God's Covering & Atonement of Sin – Genesis 3:21

Explain to others that our covering of our sin and shame isn't sufficient - Genesis 3:7

We must allow God to cover us with the **shedding of blood**. **Genesis 3:21**, this is an OT "**type**" (example) of the blood of Jesus, which was shed at Calvary. In **John 19:30** "Jesus said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, **He gave up His spirit.**"

God has given **BELIEVERS** an inner GUIDE called the **Holy Spirit** that CONVICTS us when we do **wrong** and AFFIRMS us when we do **right**.

Warren Wiersbe notes, “A Native American Christian compared” the Holy Spirit “to an **arrowhead** in his heart. “If I do wrong, it turns and hurts me until I make it right. But if I keep on doing wrong, the arrowhead keeps turning and wears down the points, so it doesn’t hurt anymore.”

Wiersbe notes, “The Bible calls that a “Seared Conscience.” - 1 Timothy 4:2

This is an example of Romans 1:24 when it says, “God gave them up to uncleanness”

Further in Romans 1:28 the warning is “And even as *they did not like to retain God in their knowledge*, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;”

We must help those far from God understand how much *danger is on the path* of life when *we give the sin-nature control* of our lives.

Question For Dialogue: How can removing verbal critique of the sin in other’s lives keep them close so we can continue to deposit seeds of the love of Jesus?

3.Share How, In Connection With Seth, People First Began to Gather for Public Worship – Genesis 4:25-26

After the murder of Abel, and the **expulsion of Cain** for committing the crime, it was a **dark time**, but “God’s promise that a Redeemer would one day be born of the woman and conquer the serpent, devil (Gen.3:15),” was **irrevocable!**

As a result, God blesses Eve with another son Seth, who gives birth to Enosh, and the Bible gives us a **JEWEL** in Genesis 4:26, because we learn that it’s at this time that men first began to gather together for worship to proclaim God’s name through preaching, witnessing, and testifying. Also most likely to worship him in song together.

Verse 26 doesn’t imply that this is when prayers began, because Adam and Eve communicated with God, Prayed to God, long before the fall of man. I’m sure Abel did as well since he knew what type of proper sacrifice to give God. **In verse 26**, Scholar Earl Radmacher notes, “**the verb “call” means to make proclamation.**”

Question For Dialogue: What does it do for your faith knowing that as far back as the first family people began to gather for public worship, proclamation, and testifying of God’s goodness?

Lesson Application

Hearers will be equipped to teach God’s missional interpretation to others in both discipleship and evangelistic settings. Ultimately, students should grow closer to God and become stronger witnesses for Jesus as they call on the name of the LORD. Wenham notes, “from Seth descended Noah, and from him ultimately the patriarchs, who are several times said to have called on the name of the Lord (Gen. 12:8; 13:4; 21:33; 26:25),” so students will also discover how the descendants that led to Jesus walked with God. After studying this lesson, students will be able to share God’s comprehensive plan of salvation from the very beginning of creation.