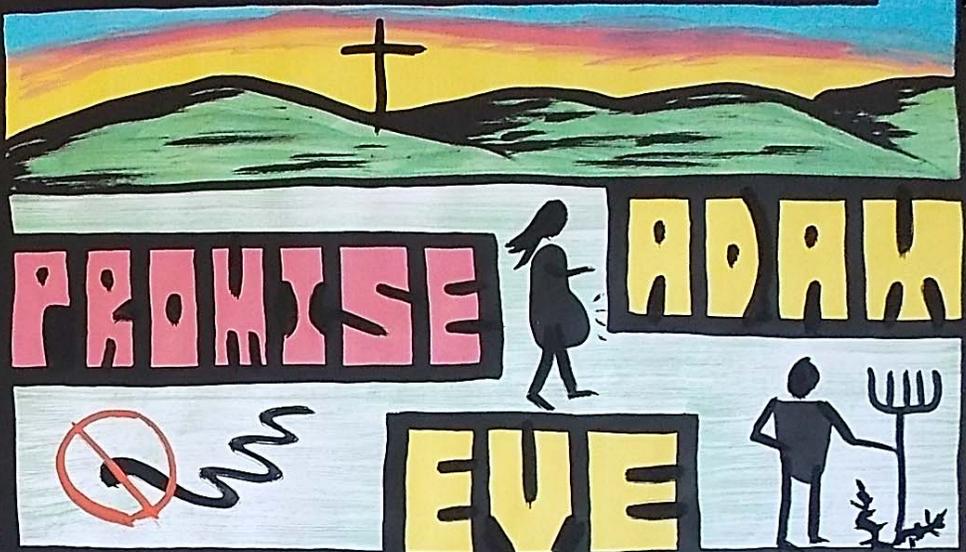


GOD'S CURSE AND PROMISE



Creation Series

Day 4: God's Curse and Promise (Genesis 3)

Note: When you see typing in “CAPS” and bold like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

Main ideas!

- *Sin separates us from God*
- *Someone must die to pay for our sins*

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A). Adam and Eve are hiding from God because of their sin (**DRAW THE HEADS OF ADAM AND EVE BEHIND THE TREES**).

- 1) When we do something bad, we hide in some way, just like Adam and Eve. One way we hide is to hide behind a lie, and say we didn't do it.

B). God came looking for them (draw in **GOD**).

- 1) The Bible says we have to give an account of our sin before God (Hebrews 4:13). This came very quickly for Adam and Eve.

C). God called to them, and asked why they were hiding.

- 1) Adam told a half truth, but didn't say he sinned.
- 2) Adam blamed Eve for his sin. Eve blamed the serpent.

Top Right Box

D). God turned the serpent (**DRAW THE SERPENT**)

- 1) We are going to find out now what God is going to do to Adam, Eve, and the Serpent.
- 2) Draw in the title: **GOD'S CURSE AND PROMISE**
- 3) God's curse on the serpent would be that he would eat dust. To Satan, a promise was given that someone would come and crush his head (Draw a **CIRCLE AND A LINE THROUGH THE SNAKE**).

- 4) Who is powerful enough crush Satan? Only God Himself. This is a promise that Jesus Christ would come and deliver mankind from the curse of sin, Satan, and death (**DRAW IN A CROSS**).

E). God then came to **EVE**, and gave a consequence for her sin.

- 1) **DRAW IN her HEAD, ARM AND LEGS**
- 2) When Eve would give birth, she would feel pain.
- 3) All women would feel pain to remind them that because of Eve, there is tremendous pain the world.

F). God next came to **ADAM** and gave a consequence for his sin.

- 1) **DRAW IN HEAD, ARMS, LEGS AND PITCH FORK**
- 2) Instead of God providing all things for them, they are going to have to work hard for their food.
- 3) Plants would now have **THORNS**, and weeds from the ground.

Bottom Left Box

G). Adam and Eve made clothes of leaves to cover up their shame (**DRAW IN HEADS, ARMS, AND LEGS FOR ADAM AND EVE**).

- 1) People cannot cover up their shame and sin.
- 2) Even if people cover up sin like fig leaves, God still sees.
- 2) Only God can save a person
- 3) Religious activity like going to church, being baptized, are ways people think can wash away their shame and guilt. But they cannot.

H). **GOD** has two choices: He can kill Adam and Eve, or, have **MERCY** on them.

- 1) Adam and Eve deserve justice, which is death like God said.
- 2) Mercy, is NOT giving someone what they **DESERVE**.
- 3) To give Adam and Eve mercy, God's justice will first have to be satisfied. Who will pay for Adam and Eve's crime? Either Adam and Eve will, or, someone else innocent without sin.

I). God chose to have mercy on them. Here is what **GOD'S** mercy looks like:

- 1) Instead of killing Adam and Eve. God killed something else.
- 2) **DRAW IN LEGS AND HEADS OF THE SHEEP.**
- 3) God took innocent animals and killed them in front of Adam and Eve. Both of them had never seen death before. This must have been shocking!
- 4) **DRAW BLOOD** coming from the sheep.

- 5) Say Hebrews 9:22 "Without the shedding of blood..."
- 6) This was a graphic picture to Adam and Eve, and to us.
 - a). These innocent animals died because of what they did wrong.
 - b). Adam and Eve should of died, not the innocent lambs.
 - c). God had provided a substitute for them.
 - d). Jesus (point to the cross) is our lamb that died for us.

J). God clothed Adam and Eve with the skin of the animals (**PUT YELLOW OR BROWN OVER THE GREEN OF ADAM AND EVE**) (Genesis 3:21).

- 1) God covering Adam and Eve was His way of showing that only God can make us acceptable to Him. We cannot make ourselves acceptable to God.
- 2) Also, for the rest of their lives, the dead skins hanging on their bodies was a visual sign that they brought death into the world.

And, someone had to die for them.

K). God then commanded Adam and Eve to leave the Garden of Eden (3:24-25)

- 1) God told Adam and Eve to leave (Draw **HEADS, ARMS ETC.**)
- 2) God put an **ANGEL** (draw head and sword) to guard the way back to the Garden of Eden.
- 3) For Adam and Eve, there was **NO WAY BACK**
- 4) They are now outside of the Garden, in the world, having to work and provide for themselves.
- 5) We are now outside the garden, having to work hard and provide for ourselves.

Conclusion: Sin brought death and curses upon themselves and us. But because of God's mercy, He has provided a substitute to die for our sins so we don't have to. We will talk more about this tomorrow.