



The First Gospel

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TODAY'S READING: Genesis 1

In Genesis 3 we see the reason sin entered the world. Adam and Eve thought their way was better than God's way and sinned. When Satan tells Eve to question God's Word in Genesis 3:1, it reminds me of what we do every time we sin. When we sin, we are questioning whether or not God's Word is true. You see, Church, God has given us a way to live by His design that will bring us ultimate satisfaction and Him glory. Eve believed the lie that something other than God and His Word was best for her. Eve believed she could get satisfaction from doing what she wanted rather than listening to God, and this is exactly what we do when we sin. God, as our creator, would have had every right to kill Adam and Eve on the spot. But instead, He pursues them in the midst of their sin and provides them with hope. Even in Genesis, we see the gospel. In Genesis 3:15, we see the proto-evangelium (first gospel). Although the ESV is my favorite translation, other translations say, "*he will crush your head and you will strike his heel.*" The offspring of the woman is Christ, and God is referring to Christ being crucified on the cross. Ultimately, though, Christ will crush the head of Satan, defeating him when He is risen from the dead on the third day.

You and I have a sin nature when we are born and just like Adam. We do not measure up to God's standard of perfection. Christ came as the true and better Adam, fulfilling the law perfectly to atone for our sins. God is so gracious to us even when we continue to rebel against Him. Many people look at the evil and suffering in the world and wonder how God could allow it. We should wonder why created beings from the dust rebelled against a perfect God and were allowed to live at all.

PRAYER: Father, You are gracious and merciful. I do not deserve Your loving kindness today. Thank You for giving me hope in the midst of my sin through Your Son, Christ. Use me this week to point a broken world to You.

TOMORROW'S READING: Genesis 22

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