

Cornerstone Message Notes

The Arrival of Sin & Death - "The Greatest Stories of the Bible" - part 2
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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

The reality of the power of choices & consequences shows up clearly in the arrival of sin & death through Adam & Eve's disobedience to God.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Keep choosing God's ways as you press on knowing heaven really is ahead.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

If only the Bible ended at the end of Genesis chapter two :-) ... of course it doesn't, but can you imagine how things would be today if it had? We'll never know but it is a captivating thing to ponder & about which to wonder.

In Genesis chapter three, the wheels come off. Satan makes his appearance & it's all totally downhill from there. You know the story, Eve listens to the enemy, Adam listens to Eve, both of them forget God & just like that, creation's beauty becomes like the finest work of art torn to pieces & splashed with acid. Ugly arrives & remains.

It's important to consider & acknowledge this. Again, the biblical view makes the most sense in explaining what is, how it is & why it is. The first few chapters of scripture help us understand how people & the world can be so beautiful & amazing as well as ugly & cruel at the very same time.

The Second Greatest Story in the Bible Tells Us ...

1. the ARRIVAL of SIN & DEATH brought CHAOS
CONFLICT & BROKENNESS to ALL of CREATION.

God didn't create a fallen world or fallen people.

Adam & Eve sinned them both into existence.

Genesis 3:1ff (all of chapters 3-11)

2. God's WARNINGS, ANGER & even His WRATH
are EXPRESSIONS of His KINDNESS & LOVE.

God will do what He knows to be best in response to our foolishness & sin.

Genesis 6:1-8ff / Genesis 7:13-24

3. it continues to be a PAINFUL & BRUTAL WORLD as we
LIVE on THIS SIDE of the RESTORATION of EVERYTHING.

Until the end finally comes, this part of The Story we're currently in can really sting.

Genesis 4:8 / Genesis 11:1-9

Making It Real Questions

- 1] Are you clear that the fall of mankind & creation was our doing, not God's?
- 2] Is this even possible? Have you ever considered it this way before?
- 3] Will you seek to take this world as is without giving into its pain & brutality?

Action Step

Look for some way to ease someone else's pain & then do it.