

Sunday, December 7, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Humanity's Death and God's Promise

Series: Christmas 2025 ... 1 **Text:** Genesis 3:1 - 24

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation to BELIEVE that Christ Jesus is THE seed promised in Genesis 3.

Introduction:

Genesis 3 records the deception of the serpent (Satan) on humankind and the devastating result; but with this tragic failure God gives humankind an amazing promise. Many Bible scholars regard this as, if not the first messianic promise, certainly one of the earliest ever recorded.

~ To have knowledge of good and evil means to be the origin or determiner of what is good and evil and what is true or untrue. Thus when Adam and Eve chose to eat the forbidden fruit, they were saying in effect, "We reject God as the One who determines what is right and wrong. We will determine for ourselves what is good for us." In a distorted way, Satan was right. Adam and Eve acted like gods when they chose to believe it was their prerogative to determine what was right and wrong they played right into the hands of the devil, who is the deceiver and the father of lies.

"There were two immediate consequences of the Fall. First, Adam and Eve forfeited their right to rule, allowing Satan to become the rebel holder of authority, the god of this world (see John 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4). Second, every descendant of Adam and Eve would be born physically alive but spiritually dead (see Eph. 2:1) They would have neither the presence of God in their lives nor the knowledge of His ways." Both quotes are from Dr. Neil T. Anderson, The Daily Discipler

It was also Dr. Neil T. Anderson (founder of Freedom in Christ Ministries) who shared that death in the Scriptures is SEPERATION. Physical death is separation of the soul from the body, spiritual death is separation of spiritual life from people. It is this truth that requires that an individual be born again. (John 3:3, 1 Corinthians 2:14)

1. Penalty to the Serpent:

~ vs. 14, *"The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."*

~ Whatever the appearance of this creature was before the penalty of God it now moved on its belly.

Isaiah 11:8 is only true in the millennium!

~ vs. 15, *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."* vs. 20 Adam names the woman, Eve. Her name (H2332, hawa) means life or living; live giver

~ "The hostility commenced between the woman and her destroyer was to be continued by their descendants—the seed of the serpent being those of Eve's posterity who should imbibe the devil's spirit and obey the devil's rule, (Matt. xxiii. 33; 1 John iii.10)" The Pulpit Commentary, Vol. 1, page 66

~ Matthew 23:33, *"You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?"*

~ 1 John 3:10, *"By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother."*

~ Contrast with 1 Peter 1:23, *"since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;"*

2. Promise to Eve of Having Offspring (Seed):

~ vs. 15, *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;..."*

~ Refer back to the quote under point one from the Pulpit Commentary. All of humanity is the result of the promise to Eve. Genesis 6 records the tragic evaluation of humanity and the consequence.

~ Genesis 6:5 – 8, *"The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) and the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. (7) So the LORD said, I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." (8) But Noah found favor I the eyes of the LORD."*

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~ Genesis 11 is another Bible record of how much of humanity sought to attain unto god. vs. 4, "Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

3. Promise of a Specific Offspring (Seed):

~ vs. 15, *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

Notice how the Holy Spirit takes us from the plural, "your offspring" (humanity), to the singular, "he".

Jesus Christ is the singular offspring born of the virgin Mary.

~ Galatians 3:19 and 4:1 – 7

~ Hebrews 10:12 – 13, *"But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (13) waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet."*

Conclusion: Communion