

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, April 3, 2016

Sermon Series: The Origin of Justice

Key Passage: Genesis 3:8-24 (ESV)

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The Origin of Justice

What happens between us and God when we sin?

A. We usually try to hide

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:8 ESV)

B. God goes looking for us

9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9 ESV)

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10 ESV)

C. We obsess over our consequence rather than our offense

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." (Genesis 3:10 ESV)

D. God gives us a chance to come clean

11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" (Genesis 3:11 ESV)

E. We play the blame game

12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (Genesis 3:12-13 ESV)

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F. God conquers sin

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. 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. (Genesis 3:14-15 ESV)

G. God punishes sinners while extending grace

16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” 17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:16-19 ESV)

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)

20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”

23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

(Genesis 3:20-24 ESV)

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Getting Started

1. Did anything stand out to you about Mark's sermon this weekend? Did you hear anything that you are applying to your life? If so, what?
2. Did you have rules in your house growing up? What were some that you broke regularly? What was your punishment for breaking the rules?
3. How have you taken advantage of someone being nice? How have you been taken advantage of? What does God call us to do in these situations?

Read Genesis 3:1-7

Take note of anything that stands out to you, anything that confuses you, or anything that interests you.

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1. What are the main differences that you read between verses 16 and 17-19? Why does God give different punishments to Adam and Eve?
2. What are some of the similarities that you read between verses 16 and 17-19? What do the similarities represent?
3. What else does verse 17 include into the 'punishments'? Why is this significant?
4. Take some more time to better understand verse 19. What do you hear? How can you better appreciate what is being written here?
5. Why does Adam name his wife Eve? What is important about verse 21? What is God doing in that verse?
6. These verses are the first time that Man experiences God's grace. How have you experienced God's grace in the last week? How have you shown grace to others?

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Becoming:

This week continue to take some time out of your schedule to pour into important relationships in your life. It can be a marriage, friendship, or a dating relationship. Take some time to just spend with the two or three of you. Put your phones away and just talk about life and what God is doing in your life. Spend time developing your relationship with those people who God has placed in your life. Try spending some dedicated time in prayer within that relationship this week!