

The Promise of a Dragon Slaying Savior

Text: Genesis 3:1-15

Introduction:

Luke 24:25-27, 44

2 Questions:

1. Why was Christmas necessary?
2. How did God respond to man's sin and failure?

Lessons:

1. God is good, merciful and gracious in all that He is and all that he does
2. God is the one who provides the Savior - and he's better than we could have imagined

"[The] clothing which God provided was in itself different from what man had thought of. Adam took leaves from an inanimate, unfeeling tree; God deprived an animal of life, that the shame of his creature might be relieved. This was the last thing Adam would have thought of doing. To us life is cheap and death familiar, but Adam recognized death as the punishment of sin. [This death was a sign of God's anger at sin]. Adam had to learn that sin could be covered not by a bunch of leaves snatched from a bush as he passed by and that would grow again next year, but only by pain and blood...[this sacrifice made it] apparent **that sin was a real and deep evil, and that by no easy and cheap process could the sinner be restored.** The same lesson has been written on millions of consciences since. Men have found their sin reaches beyond their own life and person, that it inflicts injury and involves disturbances and distress, that it changes utterly our relation to life and to God, and that **we cannot rise above its consequences save by the intervention of God himself.**"

(Marcus Dods, The Book of Genesis, pp. 25-26)

Applications:

1. Don't be ignorant of Satan's tactics
2. Be quick and honest in confession
3. Husbands: guard your families with God's word. Wives: honor and help your husbands