

Prayer Requests

People To Remember

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Upcoming Events

Check Your Calendar

JAN 14 L2L Puppet Practice (see Ross)

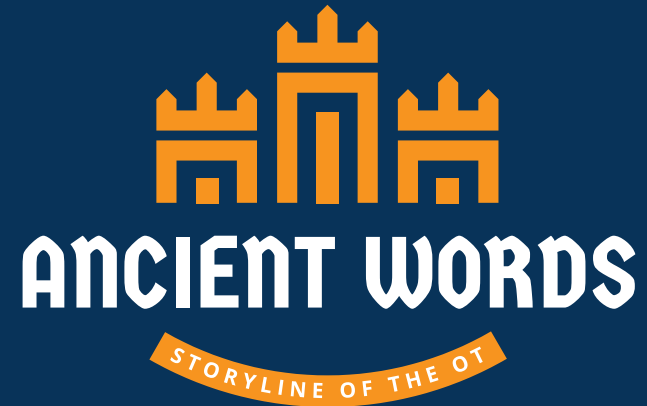
JAN 17 Ladies Bible Class (10:30 am)

JAN 17 Financial Peace Class (6:30-8:30 pm)

JAN 18 Potato Bar & Bible Study (5:45; 6:30 pm)



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REBELLION (2)

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-6

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate." (Genesis 3:1-6, NKJV)



Digging Deeper

For Further Study



The sections below contain "starting points" for biblical and historical discussions that cannot be discussed at length in the sermon. Technical terms are used to help look for specific information.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF SIN

Serpent (trace the use of serpent in the Bible)

THE CONTEXT OF SIN

Protevangelium (Genesis 3:15 as the first gospel)

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

The Ground (what is the punishment upon the ground and why does the ground still stand in need of redemption)



REBELLION

The Consequences of Sin

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. (C.S. Lewis, "The Problem of Pain")

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF SIN

- *One negative command:* God generously permitted man to eat from every tree of the garden except one (Gen. 2:15-17).
- *One talking serpent:* A creature with knowledge of God's decisions suddenly appears on the scene (Gen. 3:1-2; Rev. 12:9; 20:2).
- *One significant omission:* The serpent omits God's positive command and casts doubt upon everything being "very good" (Gen. 3:3-6).

THE CONTEXT OF SIN

- *Something's not right:* Imagine if Adam and Eve had not taken the bait of the talking snake (Rom. 5:18-19; Jas. 1:14-15).
- *Where is God:* God allows Adam and Eve to deal with temptation to see if they would obey His will (Deut. 8:1-6; 1 Cor. 10:13).
- *Where is the serpent:* The shrewd snake left Adam and Eve high and dry as soon as they disobeyed God (Lk. 15:13-14; Heb. 11:24-26).

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

- *Relational conflict:* The innocence previously enjoyed is now replaced by guilt and shame (3:8-10). What was very good is now very bad (Gen. 3:12-13).
- *Inescapable mortality:* Life on earth will be much different for Adam and Eve as the ground is now cursed, and their days are numbered (Gen. 3:17-19).
- *Expulsion from the garden:* Adam and Eve are clothed with animal skin, sent out of the garden, and driven away from the immediate presence of God (Gen. 3:22-24).