

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Hope Lost...and Restored – Genesis 3:22-24

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of a shameful walk
2. Passage Context and Content
3. The Garden-Sanctuary
 - a. Hope Lost
 - b. Hope Restored
4. The Tree of Life
 - a. Hope Lost
 - b. Hope Restored
5. Conclusion – embrace the hope restored because of Jesus Christ and share it with others

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 3:1 - Did God actually said, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?
- Genesis 3:4-5 - You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.
- Exodus 26:31 - And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it.
- Matthew 27:50-51 - And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom...
- Hebrews 9:12 - He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- Revelation 22:1-2 - Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life...also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- Revelation 22:14 - Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it vital for us to remember that sin has consequences whether we get caught or not?
- What were Adam and Eve seeking by eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil?
- How does the illustration of jumping out of a plane without a parachute help us understand the situation for Adam and Eve?
- How do the words 'sent' and 'drove' show the severity of God's judgment on Adam and Eve?
- Since the Garden was a sanctuary and picture of the tabernacle/temple, what was the biggest thing Adam and Eve lost when they were expelled from Eden?
- How did this loss plague humanity after them?
- What did God do to restore the hope of communion with Him in the Garden-Sanctuary?
- How does the veil in the temple being torn communicate access to God restored?
- How does the work of Jesus make you thankful for restored communion with God?
- In what way was it a grace of God to keep Adam and Eve from eating of the tree of life?
- What did Adam and Eve lose when they lost access to the tree of life?
- How does Revelation 22:1-2 help us understand the hope regained regarding the tree of life?
- What was restored by Christ's first coming and what will be restored in His second coming?
- How does Revelation 22:14 help us understand how we our hope of access/communion with God as well as eternal life will be restored?
- How does this passage grow your love for Jesus as you realize the hope that is yours in Jesus?
- With whom can you prayerfully share this message of hope this week?