

The Gift of the Seed

CENTRAL QUESTION:

Have you accepted the gift of the seed that God sent to restore our relationship with Him?

I. THE SEPARATION: SIN ENTERS THE GARDEN

Key Scripture: Genesis 3:15 - "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

The Garden of Eden Reality:

- Adam and Eve walked with God daily in perfect communion
- Sin separated all of mankind from God's presence
- God made the first sacrifice (animal skins for clothing)
- The curse affected all creation and all humanity

God's Promise to the Serpent:

- The seed of the woman would bruise Satan's head (fatal wound)
- The serpent would only bruise the seed's heel (temporary wound)
- Prophetic promise pointing to Christ's ultimate victory

II. THE PROMISE: GOD'S PLAN FOR REDEMPTION

Key Scripture: Luke 1:26-33 - The angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary

The Announcement:

- Mary, a young virgin (likely 12-16 years old) espoused to Joseph
- Chosen and favored by God above all women
- Through her, God would bless the entire world
- The Holy Spirit would conceive the promised seed

Why "Seed of the Woman"?

- Unusual phrasing - why not "seed of the man"?
- Points to virgin birth and divine origin
- Fulfills the Genesis 3:15 prophecy
- Jesus would be born without Joseph's natural involvement

III. THE GIFT: WHAT THE SEED MEANS FOR US

Key Scripture: John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..."

The Seed Restores Our Relationship with God:

- Puts us back in communion with the Father
- Allows us to approach God when we sin and fall short
- Provides forgiveness and cleansing when we mess up
- Walks with us through every valley and struggle

The Seed We Did Not Deserve:

- We are not worthy of what Christ has done
- But He did it anyway out of love
- It's a gift that cannot be earned
- Available year-round, not just December 25th

IV. THE TRUTH: THIS WHOLE BOOK POINTS TO THE SEED

Understanding the Bible's Central Message:

- 66 books (39 Old Testament, 27 New Testament)
- Every word is true - we can't pick and choose
- Written primarily about God's chosen people (Israel)

- All building toward the gift of the seed

The Pattern:

- Sin separates man from God
- God chooses Abraham to bless the nations through
- Old Testament prepares the way
- Four Gospels reveal Jesus (the gift)
- Rest of New Testament shows us how to live with this gift

V. LIVING WITH THE GIFT (PRACTICAL APPLICATION)

Daily Recognition:

- The seed isn't just for church or special occasions
- Christ walks with us through daily battles and struggles
- When we fall, we can come to the Father for forgiveness
- The gift sustains us through every trial

The Enemy's Goal:

- Satan wants to take the Word away from you
- Modern movements deny biblical truth (like the Sadducees)
- Jesus defeated the enemy in the wilderness with the Word
- Hold fast to what Scripture says about the gift

This Christmas Season:

- Share the story of the gift with your children and family
- Don't just focus on presents and celebrations
- Remember: Christ came to put us back in relationship with God
- Tell the next generation about the seed that saves

VI. THE TESTIMONY: GOD STILL WORKS MIRACLES THROUGH THE SEED

Personal Witness:

- Daughter's accident 10 years ago - ran over by truck
- Doctors said she'd never carry a child to term
- Reproductive organs severely damaged with scar tissue
- But God gave a 9 lb. 6 oz. healthy grandson
- Doctor's testimony: "Most perfect uterus I've ever seen"
- The seed heals, restores, and does the impossible

KEY TAKEAWAY:

The seed is Jesus Christ - God's gift to restore what was lost in the Garden of Eden. This gift:

- Restores our communion with God
- Provides daily forgiveness and strength
- Defeats the enemy's hold on our lives
- Is available to all, though none deserve it

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Have you truly accepted the gift of the seed?
- Do you rely on this gift daily, or only in crisis moments?
- How will you share the story of the seed with your family this Christmas?
- Are you letting the enemy steal the Word from you, or standing firm on Scripture?

Scripture References for Further Study: Genesis 3:15 | Luke 1:26-38 | John 3:16 | Romans 5:8 | Ephesians 2:8-9 | 1 John 1:9