

Sermon Notes

The Problem with Your Marriage

Genesis 3:8-16

1. Your Relationship with God is Broken

"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. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." (Genesis 3:8-10)

2. You're Broken

Vs. 11 *"And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."* (Genesis 3:11-13)

3. Your Relationship with Your Spouse is Broken

"To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." (Genesis 3:16)

The Redemption of Your Marriage

"The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." (Genesis 3:15)

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Think about people you know whose marriage ended. What is the most common reason you've heard for why the marriage didn't work?

Going Deeper

3. Please read Genesis 3:8-10. How did Adam and Eve's fall affect their relationship with God?
4. Please read Genesis 3:11-13. What do you notice about how the fall affected Adam and Eve?
5. Please read Genesis 3:16. How did Adam and Eve's fall affect their relationship with each other?
6. Please read Genesis 3:15. How does God's judgment of the serpent actually contain a note of hope for the human race?
7. How does Christ redeem marriage?
8. Agree or disagree? The problems in marriage are spiritual problems. Why do you agree or disagree?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?