

Sermon Study Guide – September 20th, 2020

Today's Focus: "Meant to Live Forever"

1) Introductory thoughts on today's message...

- ◆ Today as we “return to Eden”, we will see that God truly created mankind to live forever...
- ◆ Do you wish you could live forever? Why or why not? Is there anything that would change your answer?

2) Today's Message: Genesis 3:14-24

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” ¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” ¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” ²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. As we work through our sermon text...

- ⇒ What was the role of the tree of life? (Or, for that matter, the tree of knowledge of good and evil?)

- ⇒ How did sin affect God's intentions for us to "live forever"? (Hint: what do Genesis 5 & 11 add to this?)

- ⇒ Why did God bar Adam & Eve from the tree of life if he truly meant for them to live forever? (This will be answered later.)

2. As you listen to the remainder of the sermon...

- ⇒ Why does death bother us so much?

- ⇒ What would be the problem with "living forever" as things currently stand?

- ⇒ What did Jesus do to ensure we would still "live forever", but in a better way than we find here?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: read/review Revelation 21

Tuesday: read/review Revelation 22

Wednesday: review Luke 7:11-17

Thursday: John 11

Friday: Mark 5:21-43

Saturday: read/review Genesis 3