

PARADISE PROVIDED AND LOST

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 2:4-3:24; Week of Sunday, January 29, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: By the power God's word, He provides a perfect paradise in which man and woman are placed to live in eternal fellowship with their Creator. But now, after Adam's disobedience and the fall into sin and death, Eden is a picture of the glorious paradise that God has in store for all those who trust in Jesus Christ as their Redeemer.

I. PARADISE PROVIDED – Read Genesis 2:4-25

- A. How does Genesis 2:4-7 remind of you of the creation narrative in Genesis 1?
- B. What stands out to you about how God created mankind (v.7)?
- C. How would you describe Eden in your own words? What responsibility did man have from the beginning? What lessons does this teach us about work?
- D. Through what process does God teach Adam that he needs a helper suitable for him? What does this teach us about how man is made in the image of God?
- E. What stands out to you about the creation of woman? How does marriage (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:25-32) point us to Jesus and teach us the gospel?
- F. What implications does Genesis 2:4-25, the creation of man and woman in the image of God, and the reality that marriage is between one man and one woman have on everyday life?

II. PARADISE LOST – Read Genesis 3:1-24

- A. What questions do you have about the narrative of the fall of mankind into sin and death?
- B. How does the serpent deceive Eve? How does (v.7) summarize sin (1 John 2:15-17)? How does Adam clearly disobey God's commandment (Genesis 2:16-17)?
- C. After reading Genesis 3:8-19, list and describe all the different ways in which you see broken relationships, broken lives, and a broken world in this passage?
- D. How is Genesis 3:15 the first clear declaration of the gospel? How does Romans 5:12-21 help us see the clear connection between Adam and Jesus Christ?
- E. In what areas of your life do you tend to struggle with blameshifting? How would you like to take greater ownership for your sin and glory in God's provision of a Savior?