

SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

I. A PROMISE MADE IN JUDGEMENT (GENESIS 3:15)

- A. God created a world which is very good (Genesis 1:31)
- B. Everything goes terribly wrong (Genesis 3:1–13)
- C. God curses Satan, but makes a wonderful promise (Genesis 3:15)
 - 1. Through judgement will come salvation
 - 2. There will be conflict between God's people and not God's people
 - 3. A future offspring will conquer all that has gone wrong

II. THE PROMISE FULFILLED IN JESUS (GALATIANS 4:4-6)

- A. Jesus is born of a woman in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4; Luke 2:25-32)
- B. Jesus has conquered just as God promised (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)
 - 1. Jesus was victorious over Satan (Matthew 4:10-11; Hebrews 2:14; Colossians 2:15)
 - 2. Jesus takes away sin (1 John 3:5; Ephesians 1:7)
 - 3. Jesus overcame death (Romans 6:9; Hebrews 2:14-15)
- C. We have victory through faith in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:4-5; John 16:33)

III. WE EAGERLY WAIT FOR JESUS TO RETURN (JOHN 14:3, 18)

- A. We have been given a promise (John 14:3, 18)
- B. We wait eagerly for Jesus' return (Titus 2:11-14)

 1. Jesus' return is the end of all sin and death (2 Peter 3:1–13)
 2. We long for the New Heavens and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17–19; 61:10–11; Revelation 21:1–7)
 C. Advent season is a season of longing with eager anticipation (Revelation 22:12–13, 17)

GENESIS 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

GALATIANS 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons, 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

JOHN 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

JOHN 14:18

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What kinds of images or scriptures come to mind when you think of Advent season?

2. Why is it important to remember the events of Genesis 1-3 as we reflect on the birth of Jesus?

3. How were the promises in Genesis 3 fulfilled in Jesus?

4. Read Titus 2:11-14. How ought we to live as we wait eagerly for Jesus' return?

5. How does the work of Jesus in his first coming give you hope in regard to his second coming?