

“Banishment and Blessing” Genesis 3:20-24

GOD’S PROVISION THROUGH EVE – A PICTURE OF BELIEF AND HOPE. v.20

- 1. Adam called his wife “Eve”.**
 - In 2:23 he called her “Woman” – because she was taken out of Man.
 - Here he gives her a specific name, “Eve” – because she was the mother of all the living.
- 2. Adam’s name for his wife was a demonstration of faith in following God.**
 - Adam and Eve took God at His Word that life would continue through their offspring.
 - Adam and Eve were accepting their lot in a fallen world.
- 3. Adam’s name for his wife showed faith in the Promised Seed who would crush the serpent. Ref. 3:15**
 - He acknowledged and acted on the fact of God’s promise to send a Redeemer.
 - ‘I am trusting in God to keep His promise, and that a deliverer will one day come to defeat evil and death.’
- 4. Genesis gives examples of faith many times.**
 - Heb. 11 lists many in Genesis w/saving faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
 - Gen. 15:6: Abram believed the LORD, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

GOD’S PROVISION IN THE GARMENTS OF SKIN – A PICTURE OF ATONEMENT. v.21

→ The death of an innocent substitute by which a sinner is covered.

- 1. The garments of skin were provided by the LORD God—rather than by human effort.**
 - Immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, they made for themselves coverings of fig leaves.
 - The garments of skin were something God provided for them.
- 2. The garments of skin were costly—they came at the expense of another’s death.**
 - Fig leaves would grow back in a few weeks—they did not come at great expense.
 - Garments of skin required the death of animals.
 - They showed that death was required to account for man’s sin. Romans 6:23
- 3. The garments of skin required the shedding of blood.**
 - The LORD God made the animals—and then shed their blood to make the garments for Adam and Eve.
 - Adam and Eve sinned—they are the ones who deserved to die.
 - He took blood—which is necessary for life—from another. Ref. Lev. 17:11
 - -Hebrews 9:22: without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
 - Jesus Christ is called “the lamb of God” who takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29, 36
 - -Matt. 26:28: for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 - -Ephesians 1:7: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

→ The garments of skin foreshadow the OT sacrificial system. Hebrews 9:14

- NONE of the OT sacrifices were meant to forgive sin. ALL were meant to point to the coming Christ.
- A substitute is necessary. Ref. Genesis 22 (Abraham & Isaac). The LORD will provide the sacrifice.

→ The garments of skin provided a covering for Adam and Eve. Like the Passover in Exodus 12.

GOD’S PROVISION IN BANISHMENT FROM EDEN—A PICTURE OF PROTECTION. & SECURITY v.22-24

- 1. Because of his sin, Adam (and all mankind) lived in a fallen state. v.22a**
- 2. God sent him out of the garden of Eden lest he eat from the tree of life. v.22b-23**
 - They ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
 - If they were to eat from the tree of life (eternal life), they would have lived forever in a fallen state.
- 3. God guarded the way to the tree of life with an angel, armed with a sword. v.24**

Hebrews 11:4-22: **By faith Abel** offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ **By faith Enoch** was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ **By faith Noah**, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ **By faith Abraham** obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ **By faith Sarah** herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ **These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar**, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

¹⁷ **By faith Abraham**, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ **By faith Isaac** invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ **By faith Jacob**, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² **By faith Joseph**, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.