

SERMON NOTES

Title: Piercing the Darkness

Text: Genesis 1:1-5

Topic: Creation

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There is a cycle that repeats itself throughout this entire series. The first stage of this cycle is...

GOD CREATES AND IT'S ALL GOOD.

In the very first sentence of the Bible, the main character is introduced: It's **God!** If you can believe the first sentence of the Bible you should not have any problem believing anything else that's found in God's Word.

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image.'" Genesis 1:26 **Jesus** was present at creation. Man is **unlike** any of God's other created beings.

That indicates that God wants to have a **special relationship** with you.

God creates man and woman, and He says, "It is **very** good."

There is just one rule for Adam and Eve to obey but they **disobeyed**. That is the second stage of the cycle...

MAN SINS AND EVERYTHING FALLS APART.

In Genesis 3 **Satan** enters the story. He is described as the one who : "...has come to kill, to steal and to destroy."

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' " Genesis 3:1 Satan **questions** God's Word; **denies** God's Word; **reverses** God's Word.

It's not just Adam and Eve who sin. Cain became jealous of how pleased God was with his brother's sacrifice, so he murdered his brother. Things progressively get worse. "*The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*" Genesis 6:5

God's upper story illustrates, through Noah that even the most righteous people are not **perfect** and are in need of a **savior**. The cycle repeats itself. But...

GOD PROMISES AND THERE IS STILL HOPE.

One reason for hope is Genesis 3:15, the very first **Messianic** prophecy.

"*You will bruise the heel of the seed of the offspring of Adam and Eve, but He will crush your head.*"

Another reason for hope is Genesis 3:21, "*The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*" This was a foreshadow of the spiritual principle that only the **blood** of God's sacrificial **Lamb** can provide a **permanent** covering for man's sins.