

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 _____ AND IT'S ALL _____.

In the very first sentence of the Bible, the main character is introduced:

It's _____! 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

_____ was present at creation. Man is _____ any of God's other created beings. That indicates that God wants to have a _____ with you.

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

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

MAN _____ AND EVERYTHING _____.

In Genesis 3 _____ 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 _____ God's Word; _____ God's Word; _____ 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 _____ and are in need of a _____. The cycle repeats itself. But...

GOD _____ AND THERE IS STILL _____.

One reason for hope is Genesis 3:15, the very first _____ 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 _____ of God's sacrificial _____ can provide a _____ covering for man's sins.