

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

From Darren:

Gen - God still cared enough about Adam and Eve to make them clothes

Ps - There is joy for those who dwell in the Lord

Pro - Fear (respect) of the Lord is the foundation of knowledge

Matt - "Repent" - was that a word used previously?

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**Genesis 3:1-4:26**

**3** **1** The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" **2** "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. **3** "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" **4** "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. **5** "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." **6** The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. **7** At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. **8** When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. **9** Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" **10** He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." **11** "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" **12** The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." **13** Then the LORD God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it." **14** Then the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. **15** And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." **16** Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you. " **17** And to the man he said,

“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. **18** It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. **19** By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.” **20** Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. **21** And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. **22** Then the LORD God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!” **23** So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. **24** After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

**4 1** Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, “With the LORD’s help, I have produced a man!” **2** Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. **3** When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. **4** Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, **5** but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. **6** “Why are you so angry?” the LORD asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? **7** You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.” **8** One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him. **9** Afterward the LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?” “I don’t know,” Cain responded. “Am I my brother’s guardian?” **10** But the LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground! **11** Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother’s blood. **12** No longer will the ground yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.” **13** Cain replied to the LORD, “My punishment is too great for me to bear! **14** You have banished me from the land and from your presence; you have made me a homeless wanderer. Anyone who finds me will kill me!” **15** The LORD replied, “No, for I will give a sevenfold punishment to anyone who kills you.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain to warn anyone who might try to kill him. **16** So Cain left the LORD’s presence and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. **17** Cain had sexual relations with his wife, and she became pregnant

and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain founded a city, which he named Enoch, after his son. **18** Enoch had a son named Irad. Irad became the father of Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech. **19** Lamech married two women. The first was named Adah, and the second was Zillah. **20** Adah gave birth to Jabal, who was the first of those who raise livestock and live in tents. **21** His brother's name was Jubal, the first of all who play the harp and flute. **22** Lamech's other wife, Zillah, gave birth to a son named Tubal-cain. He became an expert in forging tools of bronze and iron. Tubal-cain had a sister named Naamah. **23** One day Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; listen to me, you wives of Lamech. I have killed a man who attacked me, a young man who wounded me. **24** If someone who kills Cain is punished seven times, then the one who kills me will be punished seventy-seven times!" **25** Adam had sexual relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth, for she said, "God has granted me another son in place of Abel, whom Cain killed." **26** When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. At that time people first began to worship the LORD by name.

### **Psalm 2:1-12**

**2 1** Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? **2** The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the LORD and against his anointed one. **3** "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." **4** But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them. **5** Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury. **6** For the Lord declares, "I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain." **7** The king proclaims the LORD's decree: "The LORD said to me, 'You are my son. Today I have become your Father. **8** Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession. **9** You will break them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.'" **10** Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! **11** Serve the LORD with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. **12** Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities— for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him!

### **Proverbs 1:7-9**

**1 7** Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. **8** My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's

instruction. **9** What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.

### **Matthew 2:13-3:6**

**2 13** After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” **14** That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, **15** and they stayed there until Herod’s death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “I called my Son out of Egypt.” **16** Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance. **17** Herod’s brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: **18** “A cry was heard in Ramah— weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead.” **19** When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. **20** “Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.” **21** So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. **22** But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod’s son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. **23** So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

**3 1** In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, **2** “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” **3** The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the LORD ’s coming! Clear the road for him!’” **4** John’s clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. **5** People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. **6** And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.