Wednesday = Expelled From the Garden

From story of Adam / Eve = discover three outstanding truths

1. **Sin separates us from God = but does not stop God from seeking us = as Pr.Dinzey has already presented**
2. **When sin entered= God immediately promised / Savior**
3. **God confronts sin = but He also covers the sinner**

- **Genesis 3 = Story of Separation / Promise / Restoration**
- Adam/Eve sinned = consequences = immediate / devastating
    - Sin introduced guilt/fear/shame into =relationship w/God
    - Earth / cursed = pain entered human experience
    - Work / became exhausting = thorns/ thistles appeared
    - Aging / death = became part of life
- Greatest loss = **separation from God**
    - Their loving Father / constant Companion
- Sin changes / way we communicate w/God
    - Before sin = Adam / Eve spoke w/ God freely
    - After sin = were afraid of His voice
- See after effects = **Exodus 19** = When God descended upon Mt Sinai = thunder / lightning / smoke / fire / trumpet blast
- Boundaries / established around mountain because sinful humanity could not casually enter presence of = holy God
- God had **NOT** stopped loving humanity
    - sin had created barrier = between humanity / God
- **Isaiah 59:2** = later described / problem this way: “Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you”

2. When Sin Entered, God Immediately Promised a Savior

Genesis 3:15 God spoke to /serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

- First gospel promise = pointed forward to Jesus
- God promised / Deliverer (Messiah/Christ) would come
    - Serpent would wound Him
    - Deliverer would ultimately crush serpent's head
- Promise pointed forward to Jesus
    - At cross = Jesus was wounded / He suffered / He died
    - But thru His death / resurrection = He defeated Satan
        - And guaranteed = final destruction of sin

3. God Confronts Sin, but He Also Covers the Sinner

- Handmade fig-leaf coverings = represented humanity's effort to solve sin problem w/o God
- Human effort cannot cover sin = remove guilt **ISAIAH 64:6**
- God confronted their sin = but covered their nakedness

Genesis 3:21 "Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

- Provided / covering = they could not provide for themselves
- Innocent life = had to be sacrificed
    - in order for Adam / Eve to be clothed
    - sacrificial system of substitution = announced in Garden
- Pointed forward to Jesus Christ = Lamb of God
    - would give His life to cover our sin w/ His righteousness
- Sin still had consequences = Adam/Eve expelled from Garden
    - could no longer see God face-to-face
- But they left w/hope for present / future = carrying Gospel promise that One would come to restore what had been lost

- Jesus came to restore communion between God / humanity
    - Thru Him = we can approach God in prayer
    - Thru Jesus = we receive forgiveness
    - Thru Him = we are adopted into God's family
    - Because of Jesus = we have / promise =
        - separation will not last forever
- **John 14:2, 3** "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself."
- History began w/ humanity being expelled from / garden
    - will end w/God's people being welcomed into Paradise
- Revelation describes = restored world = no more curse / no more death / no more sorrow / no more separation
- God's people will once again see His face

- If guilt /shame has caused you to hide from God
- if you feel / your mistakes have carried you too far away
- Remember Adam / Eve = three powerful truths **Genesis 3**

1) **Sin separates us from God, but it does not stop God from seeking us = don't reject His love**
2) **When sin entered = God immediately promised a Savior**
    - Savior / promised in Eden = has come
    - Died for your sins / rose from grave
    - Now invites you to walk w/ Him
3) **God confronts sin / but He also covers / repentant sinner**
    - Saved by grace / made righteous by faith in Christ
    - Covered by His robe of righteous

- Do not allow guilt to drive you away from God
    - Let it lead you to Christ
- Sin brought separation = Grace provided a Savior
- Jesus will cover us w/ His robe of righteousness and bring us home where our communion w/ God will be fully restored