

Second Sunday in Advent – 2023

Saturday, 12/9 at 4:00 & Sunday, 12/10 at 9:00

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Text: NAS 1995

Advent Wednesdays: Services at 11 & 7; Free Meals at 12 & 6

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: Advent is a time to  
♦remember our sins and ♦be thankful for our Savior.

**In this sermon we will:**

- Learn a sad reality about mankind's fall into sin.
- Better understand the LORD's promises to Abram.
- Identify a characteristic of those who know Jesus.

This is part 2 of a 9-part sermon series.

Develop a habit of reading, thinking, answering, and praying!

**Day 4 – Wednesday, 12/6 – Sin Passing from Adam to All**

**Read and Think** (4000 BC): **Genesis 5:3** When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of *a son* in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.... // **Psalm 51:5** [David said:] ...in sin my mother conceived me.... // **Romans 5:12** ...just as through one man [that is, Adam] sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...

## Answer and Pray:

- God created the first people in *His image and His likeness* (see the 12/6 sermon); however, after they fell into sin, they could only have children in ***their image and their likeness***.  
What does that mean?
  - **Before the fall**, they ▶ had dominion over God's living creatures, ▶ were holy, ▶ had sound reasoning, and ▶ exercised their free will unto God's glory.
  - **After the fall**, their ▶ dominion, ▶ holiness, ▶ reasoning, and ▶ use of freedom was corrupted.
- Why do we believe people inherited sin? Three reasons:
  - From the earlier passages – ▶ Adam's fallen likeness and image *passed to his children*; ▶ David had sin from conception *because he inherited it*; and ▶ the inherited sin from Adam *brought death to all people*.
  - From children dying – If children had no sin, *they would not die*, but David's first son from Bathsheba died when he was only 7-days old – *due to his inherited sin!*
  - From children having sin before they know right from wrong – The Bible says, "*...if a person knows what is right, but does not do it, he is sinning*" (Ja. 4:17 NET). Since a child doesn't know right from wrong until he is about 2-years-old, *his sin must be inherited!*
- What are the results of sin? ▶ **Physical death** – "*to dust you shall return*" (Gen. 3:19), and ▶ **eternal punishment** – "*the wages of sin is death [i.e., eternal punishment]*" (Rom. 6:23).
- How does the content in this section apply to you?  
Because of the fall, I have sin, so *I need Jesus!*

**OT Passages Pointing To the Coming Savior: 12/7 – 12/17**

**Day 5 – Thursday, 12/7 – Land, Relatives, Blessings**

**Read and Think** (2000 BC): **Genesis 12:1-3** Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country [*land*], And from your relatives [*descendants, seeds*] And from your father’s house [*blessings*], To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

The key words are *loaded with meaning*:

- **Land** – *two meanings*: ▶The temporal land of Canaan and ▶the eternal land of heaven: **Hebrews 11:9-10** “By faith [Abraham] lived as an alien in the land of promise... looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”
- **Descendants** – *three meanings*: ▶The blood relatives of Abram; ▶the Messiah Himself, the Ultimate “Seed” of Abram (**Gal. 3:16**); and ▶the spiritual descendants of Abram, all Jews and Gentiles with the faith of Abram (**Rom. 9:6-8**).
- **Blessings** – *Keil and Delitzsch identify these four blessings*:
  - 1. [Abram would] **increase into a numerous people**.
  - 2. [Abram would be given] **material and spiritual prosperity**.
  - 3. [the name of Abram would be elevated to a place of] **honor and glory**.
  - 4. [Abram would become] **the possessor and dispenser of the blessing** – i.e. the Messiah’s flesh would be from Abram; the Messiah Himself would redeem all people!

**Answer and Pray**:

- **When Abram was 75 years old**, the LORD called him to leave his land, relatives, and blessings to receive **the LORD’s land, relatives, and blessings**. Do you have the desire to know and follow the LORD’s will for your life?
- **In Genesis 12, about 2000 years after the fall**, the LORD identified Abram as the family through whom the Messiah

would eventually come; then, going forward, the OT focused on Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants.

- **How were all families blessed through Abram?** The Messiah came through Abram to take away all sins! Through faith, *we are spiritual descendants of Abram!*

## Day 6 – Friday, 12/8 – Prophet Like Moses, Listen to Him

**Read and Think** (1400 BC): **Deuteronomy 18:15** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.” ... **Matthew 17:5** While [Peter] was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed [Peter, James, and John], and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!”

### **Answer and Pray:**

- **About 1400 BC**, Moses told the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him; *Jesus is that prophet!*
- **Both Moses and God the Father said**, “listen to Him,” what does that mean? **Basically:** obey! **Details:** ♦be open, ♦hear, ♦believe, ♦desire to understand, and ♦make application!
- **How does this day 6 content apply to you?** Since the Bible says, “...prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves” (Jas. 1:22), may the Holy Spirit grant each of us the desire to be doers of what Jesus said from our repentant hearts!

**Let Us Pray:** Dear LORD, knowing that sin and death have passed to us and all, **we TYSM for Jesus**, the Ultimate Seed of Abraham who took away the sin of the world! Please help us to ♦fully trust in Jesus for eternal life and ♦gladly live for Jesus every day of our lives!

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