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1, 2 Kings Sermon Series

Supports Session 9: God Provides

Sermon Title: “God’s Faithful Provision” (Genesis 3:8-11; 22-24)

Connection to 2 Kings 7:1-15

God’s provision is a theme throughout Scripture. He provided for Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. He provided for Samaria in 2 Kings 7. We still see His provision throughout the New Testament in the sacrifice of Jesus.

Introduction/Opening

Most 50th wedding anniversary events are an amazing time of celebrating faithfulness to a commitment the couple made to the Lord and each other. The couple will have weathered storms together and held each other tightly throughout.

We have another example of extended faithfulness and that is God’s faithfulness to provide for us. He started providing early in the book of Genesis and He still provides for us today. Let’s celebrate His faithful provision as we study His word today.

Outline

1. God Provides During Our Shame (v. 8-11)

a) **Adam and Eve’s shame** – Adam and Eve had sinned against God. They knew His command to not eat of the tree of knowledge and they had disobeyed. The way they chose to respond to their actions was to hide from God. We can all identify with Adam and Eve in that we too are sinners and all too often we try to hide from God in our shame.

b) **The Lord pursued them** – Even though God was aware of what had taken place, the Bible says that He called out to them, and began to ask them questions about what had happened. God knew exactly where they were and what they had done. God calling out to them shows that He wanted to initiate the conversation even though they had sinned and were feeling shame.

We began the message by talking about the faithfulness of a couple that has been married for 50 years. God’s faithfulness to us last well beyond 50 years. His faithfulness is not even contingent on our good behavior. He pursued Adam and Eve in their sins, and He pursues us today.

2. God Provided in the Immediate

a) **He covered Adam and Eve (v. 21)**. God communicated the consequences for the sin that Adam and Eve had committed. Yes, God is loving and gracious. He is also just in that He allows us to experience consequences. The consequences, however, did not stop

Him from providing for them. He sacrificed an innocent animal to cover their sin and nakedness. The Scripture does not indicate a delay between God communicating the consequences and then providing the covering. He did not tell Adam and Eve to go clean themselves up and then come talk to Him. God knew that if He did not provide, then Adam and Eve would be left in their shame and nakedness.

b) Christ covers our sin (Rom. 5:6). God was faithful to provide covering for Adam and Eve in the sacrifice of an innocent animal and He is faithful to provide covering for us today in the sacrifice of His innocent Son on the cross. Paul told the church at Roman, “For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly” (5:6). We, like Adam and Eve, are unable to provide for ourselves and God is aware of this. His faithfulness to provide has yielded Him offering His Son as a substitute for our sins.

3. God Provides for the Long-term

a) Protection from the tree of life (v. 22-24). Since Adam and Eve had broken one command, God knew that they would be prone to break another. If they would have taken from the tree of life, they would have remained in a sinful state throughout eternity and without hope. Therefore, in removing them from the garden and placing His angels to guard the tree of life, He was protecting them and us from being without hope for eternity.

b) Protection from eternal separation (Rom 10:13). God is still faithful to provide long-term protection from an eternal separation from Him. He does this through a relationship with His Son Jesus Christ. Paul once again told the church at Rome, “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (10:13). The invitation to receive this eternal protection is for everyone. We must call upon the one and only name of Jesus and follow Him.

Conclusion

Few of us would be willing to turn down an invitation to a 50th wedding anniversary. We would want to be a part of the celebration. This would be a celebration of faithfulness between a husband and wife that made a commitment to each other and had lived out the commitment no matter the circumstances.

We have all received an invitation to another celebration of faithfulness that has been evident since Genesis 3. God faithfully provided for Adam and Eve during their sin and struggle. He is still faithfully providing for us today through a relationship with His Son. Adam and Eve did not deserve the provision, but they accepted it. We do not deserve His provision and I pray that each of us will accept it in the same manner that Adam and Eve did.

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