

God Doesn't Annihilate Rebels, Genesis 3

- **Ice Breaker:**
 - Play the game "How do you respond?" found as an additional link under the this study guide on the website.
- **Main Idea:**
 - Put succinctly, "The Lord responds to human rebellion with judgment and grace." -- Sydney Gredanus, *Preaching Christ From Genesis*, pg 65
 - Sin has entered our world permanently through the actions of Adam and Eve. But from the very beginning God has acted graciously and made provision for the reversal of sin.
- **Intro:**
 - The most awkward moment I have ever had in a job interview came at First Calvary.
- **Rebellion 3:1-7**
 - Distortion of the facts leads to justification of sin.
 - How were the people rebellious? Disobedience toward God.
 - The problem was not that the people did not know right from wrong
 - The Satan questions Eve on this very issue. (obviously they did since Eve tells the serpent it is wrong to eat from the tree),
 - The issue is that they wanted to determine for themselves right and wrong.
 - All sin since Adam and Eve falls into this category.
 - It is wrong to chew someone out of facebook, but you decide right and wrong and you have decided this person deserves it.
 - Lying is wrong but you decided that telling the truth to your parents will be worse for you. So it will be best if you don't tell your parents everything.
 - To determine right from wrong is to act as God. Adam and Eve wanted to be their own god.
- **God's response to sin is Judgement and Grace.**
- **Judgement 3:8-19, 22-24**
 - God uncovers the sin.
 - 3:9-10 God is looking for Adam and Eve. They were promised that they would be like God.
 - I know God said he was going to kill you but if you eat this you will be God. You are thinking you will be able to throw lightning bolts and junk. But after eating all you got out of the fruit was a crazy desire to put on some clothes. You are thinking, give me anything, I will wear skinny jeans made out of leaves. Just give me something.
 - Satan tempting people to sin is never about us, it is about Satan trying to destroy what God has created. It will always be disappointing.

- God sees through blame shifting.
 - Adam is the one responsible, so God comes to him first.
 - Adam blames God and Eve.
 - Eve blames the talking snake.
 - God sees through this and punishes each one of them.
- Serpent Cursed:
 - All livestock cursed, but the serpent is cursed the most.
 - Your head will be bruised
- Woman Cursed:
 - Pain in childbearing
 - Husband shall rule over you
- Adam Cursed:
 - the creation is cursed
 - eat only by pain
 - death, "to dust you shall return"
- **Grace 3:14-21**
 - God graciously doesn't annihilate rebels.
 - In 2:17 Adam is told that if he sins by eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil then he will surely die.
 - 3:10
 - I have heard several people try to say that he was hiding his nakedness.
 - Adam is not an idiot, he knows that his embarrassment over his nakedness is proof that he has eaten the forbidden fruit. He is not afraid because God will see him in the buff, God has seen him like that from the beginning.
 - Adam is scared out of his mind, because God told him that if you eat the fruit I am going to chop your head off.
 - Death is now immanent for Adam, but he was not killed immediately.
 - God graciously covers the sin of the people through sacrifice (3:21).
 - The first sign that the people had sinned was they felt shame for their bodies. God covers their sin by providing clothes but only at the expense of shed blood of an animal.
 - In each of the curses provision is made, the rebels aren't annihilated.
 - Have you ever had that moment when you thought your parents were really going to kill you. You at least thought that they would ground you for a year.
 - They say you are grounded for two weeks but you can have this weekend off from grounding if you do some work around the house.
 - You are like, 'sure, I will do whatever.'
 - Woman
 - Child bearing will be painful, but you can still have children.
 - Your husband will rule over you, but you can still have the relationship that will make you complete.

- Adam
 - The ground is cursed but you can still eat of it.
- Destruction of the Serpent = Jesus
 - The woman's offspring will crush the head of Satan.
 - Romans 16:20
 - Hebrews 2:14
 - Genesis 4
 - The name Cain means "Acquire". And Eve praises God that she had a son.
 - Then Abel comes and in the end he is the one who is more godly, but Eve doesn't praise his coming.
 - Eve seems to believe that Cain is the fulfillment of the promise in 3:15

- **Application**

- God response to you is judgement and grace.
- First we all need to acknowledge that it is right and just for God to judge and punish sin.
- Second, what is your response his grace, do you believe in his Son?