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Message Info

Title:

Mothers of All the Living

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Scriptures:

Genesis 3:15

Theme: Celebrate mothers every day because motherhood evokes the incarnation..

Introduction: The mystery of marriage (Eph 5:31-32) points us to Jesus and his love for his people. And that great truth depends on something prior, something relevant to Mother's Day: the incarnation, which was the ultimate motherhood moment. And that great truth goes even farther back in history, to the plans of God that were revealed during the fall of man in the Garden.

Genesis 3:15 gives us 3 pointers to how motherhood evokes the incarnation:

1. Cosmic division

Gen 3:1-15 tells us the historical account of the fall of man in the Garden. What we find is that God put a division ("I will put enmity") between humanity and the serpent, the devil.

In that division we see God's kindness in warning us and keeping us from the evil one.

We also see his protection for us. There is a real, ongoing, cosmic war waging all around us and we can trust that the Lord is at work for his people.

2. Two bloodlines

Gen 3:15 also shows us two lines of offspring: the devil's and the woman's. Jesus helps us to see that anyone who rejects God is the devil's offspring (John 8:44).

Cain & Abel show us the 2 lines: the difference is faith in God. Cain is of the devil, so he murders his brother, revealing the enmity.

Without the mercy of God, there would only be one bloodline: all of us united in rebellion and hatred against the Lord; but he is gracious to save.

3. Mother of all the living

Near the end of Gen 3, Adam names his wife, "Eve, because she was the mother of all living" (v. 20).

Eve is that mother in two respects: a) physically—all people descend through her; and b) spiritually—all who follow her in faith are also her children.

Eve demonstrates the essence of femininity: *life-giving*. All women were created by God to be life-givers; and even if that does not happen physically, it is still an essential part of who women are and what they bring to the world.

Gen 3:15 is the 'first gospel' (*protoeuangelion*), promising that the Lord would raise up a deliverer through the seed of the woman. Jesus fulfills that promise, bringing God's life and goodness to all who trust in him.

Questions:

1. Do you understand and celebrate the goodness of femininity as life-giving?

2. Do you wonder at God's grace to you?

3. How does the division between Satan (and his seed) and the people of God affect your daily life?