

# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

## *Advent*

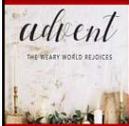
### The Weary World Rejoices

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### Study Schedule December 2020

Date	Topic	Scriptures
12/9/2020	The Need For Advent	Gen. 3:9 – 20; Isa. 9:2, 6 -7
12/16/2020	The Reality of Advent	Isa. 7:6 – 14; Luke 1:30 – 38
12/23/2020	Winter Break	No Study
12/30/2020	Winter Break	No Study
1/6/2021	Winter Break	No Study



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## This Week's Lesson – December 9, 2020

### Advent: The Weary World Rejoices

#### Lesson 1:

### The Need For Advent

Gen. 3:9 – 20; Isa. 9:2, 6 -7



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Group Discussion: Proverbs 13:12 says “hope deferred makes the heart sick” (NIV) What does God teach us through those experiences?

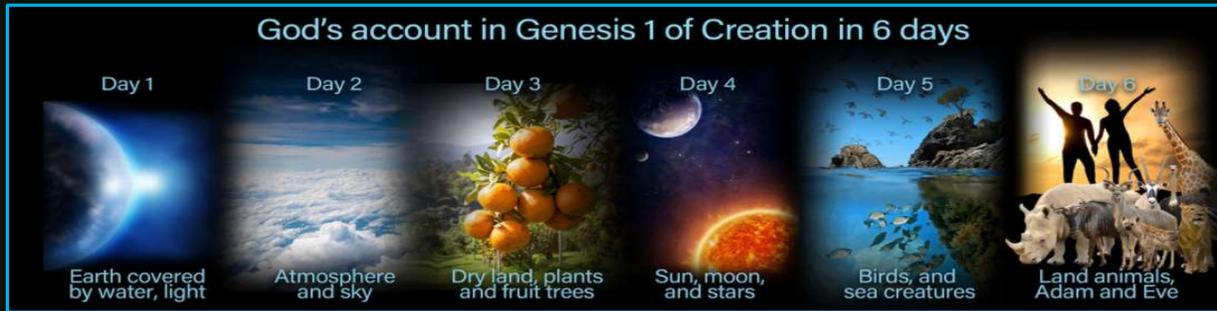
- **His Sovereignty:** God does what He knows is best – even when it causes pain or when we don’t understand.
- **His Intimacy:** We come to know God more deeply – experiencing His comfort in amazing ways.
- **Greater Expectancy:** When our hopes dissolve, God points to an even greater hope in Christ.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Rom. 5:5 NKJV)



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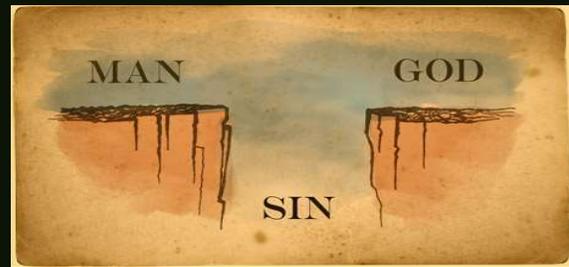
## Overview of Genesis 1 – 3



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**Read Genesis 3:9 – 20**

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### Genesis 3:9 – 12 (NKJV)

9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, **“Where are you?”**

10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”



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### Genesis 3:13 – 16 (NKJV)

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

15 **And 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.”**

16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”



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### Genesis 3:17 – 20 (NKJV)

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread **Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”**

20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.



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1. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God? What did God mean by the question, “Where are you?”

#### Man’s Hiding:

- **Awareness of Sin:** Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God were made aware of sin/nakedness.
- **Ashamed of God Holiness:** When they heard the voice of God – instead of running to Him – they ran from Him.

#### God’s Searching

- **Desiring Relationship:** God is seeking to dwell with His creation As God and Father.
- **Determining Fellowship:** The question “Where are You?” Where you in relationship to Me...



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2. What were the punishments God put on the Serpent, the Woman and the man? What do these punishments say about sin? About God?

- **The Serpent:** God commanded the serpent (the animal Satan used) to slither on the ground instead of walking on legs like any other animal.
- **The Woman:** Pain in childbirth, a desire to have a man's authority and a struggle to accept a subordinate position in the family.
- **The Man:** the Earth, while still producing would yield thorns/Weeds, etc. Physical death (separation of the soul and body).

Also the Separation/broken fellowship between man and God.



*"For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now" Rom 8:22 (NKJV)*

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3. How does the promise in Genesis 3:15, point to the Hope/Advent of Jesus Christ?

- **A Prophecy of Virgin Birth:** The Messiah – the Deliverer – would be the Seed of the Woman, but not of the man.
- **A Prophecy of Vicarious Sacrifice:** Jesus, in taking on humanity, brought Himself near so Satan could strike Him.
- **A Prophecy of Jesus' Victory over Satan:** Jesus, The Messiah would crush Satan (He shall bruise your head).



*Genesis 3:15 The protoevangelium, the first gospel. Luther said: "This text embraces and comprehends within itself everything noble and glorious that is to be found anywhere in the Scriptures." (Leupold)*

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4. In Gen 4:1 Eve and Adam have their first son - Cain. What does the birth of their son mean to them?

- **Confidence In God's/Man's Relationship:** Although Adam and Eve still were dealing with the effects of sin – the child shows that God has not forgotten them.
- **Reassurance In God's Promise:** Eve may have thought Cain was the seed, the deliverer, that God promised. (Genesis 3:15).
- **Ignorance of Sin's Penalty:** Eve thought she held in her arms the Messiah, the Savior but she really held in her arms a murderer.



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**Read Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7**

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## Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7 (NKJV)

2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.



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5. Reflect on the names in verse 6. What significance does each one have?

- **Wonderful:** The glory of who He is and what He has done for us should fill us with wonder!
- **Counselor:** Jesus is the One fit to guide our lives, and should be the Christian's immediate resource as a counselor.
- **Mighty God:** The God of all creation and glory, the LORD who reigns in heaven, the One worthy of our worship and praise.
- **Everlasting Father:** The idea in these Hebrew words is that Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself.
- **Prince of Peace:** He is the One who makes peace, especially between God and man.



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6. In what ways is the kingdom of justice and righteousness in v. 7 good news and a fulfilment of the promise of Gen 3:15?

- **Proclamation:** During Jesus Ministry He Proclaimed His Coming as The Good News of The Kingdom of God/Heaven.
- **Salvation:** Jesus Work on the Cross forgives all our sins – pulling to the wall of separation between God and Man.
- **Restoration:** the coming kingdom will rollback the penalty of sin and power of Satan – ushering in God's Justice and Righteousness.

**Note:** *Jesus can be the Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace for everyone who receives and submit to Him.*



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7. How do these titles describe God particularly during a time of difficulty?

- **Wonderful:** God's Glory and Goodness Is So Wonderful That It Transcends All Earthly Things.
- **Counselor:** God's Word And Spirit Gives Us Guidance When Everyone Else Is In Confusion.
- **Mighty God:** Our God Has The Power To Heal, Protect, And Deliver Us From Any And All Troubles Of This Life.
- **Everlasting Father:** Our Father Can Be Trusted With His Presence And For His Provision.
- **Prince of Peace:** God Is More Than Able To Keep Us In Perfect Supernatural Peace Regardless Of Our Circumstances.



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8. As you approach advent, which of these aspects would you particularly like to experience and why?



*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)



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### Keys For Living

- While God's promises to His in Word may seem like they are delayed – they are not denied. God works our seemingly hopeless situations for His glory.
- Because of Adam sin, the whole world suffers under its penalty (darkness, pain and death). God however, in His love and mercy has made a way of escape in the Person and Work of Christ.
- While Advent focuses on the Birth of Jesus, it also points to His death and resurrection (for sins), and His triumphant return.



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