



God's Not Mad at You

God Wants to Know You

Leader's Notes

I. God's expectations when He created man.

- In the beginning God created good, including man—male and female.
- God created man to have someone to fellowship with—a family.
- God gave to man His own abilities—His own glory.
- Genesis 1:28, *“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth’” (NKJV).*
- Why did Adam and Eve need to subdue trouble since God created everything good?
 - Adam and Eve were to keep things under God's authority and plan.
 - God knew the devil was in the earth, but it was Adam's responsibility to subdue the enemy.
- The serpent, controlled by Satan came to steal man's dominion.
- John 10:10, *“The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My [Jesus'] purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life” (NLT).*
- This was Adam and Eve's opportunity to subdue and take dominion!
- Adam and Eve failed.
- 1 Timothy 2:14, *“And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result” (NLT).*

II. The effects of man's sin.

- Adam lost his relationship with God.



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- Adam lost the life he had been created for.
- Adam lost the wisdom, knowledge and understanding God had given him.
- Adam gave up his place with God and took with him Eve and every other member of the human race who would ever be born of man.
 - Romans 5:12, *"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned"* (NLT).
- Adam, representing all mankind, betrayed God.
- Satan took the place of god of this world and became man's master.

III. God's plan to bring man into a relationship with Himself.

- God's plan for man did not change.
- God instituted the blood sacrifice to "shield" His view of man's sin.
- Mary agreed to be the mother of the Son of God—Jesus.
 - Luke 1:38, *"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true'"* (NLT).
- Jesus was not born of Adam, so He did not have the sin of Adam.
- Jesus did not commit sin—He was perfect before God.
- When it came time for man's sins to be paid for, forgiven and removed—Jesus was ready.
- Jesus died for all mankind.
- The great exchange—Jesus took man's sin and was sacrificed, man can take Jesus' righteousness and be free.
- Now, sin can no longer separate man from God.
 - Colossians 2:14, *"He [Jesus] canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross"* (NLT).



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- Each person must receive this gift of salvation for himself by asking Jesus to be the Lord of his life, and declaring that Jesus is his Lord.
- Romans 10:9-10, *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved"* (NLT).
- By receiving salvation, man is now in the family of God with all rights and privileges.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* (NLT).
- All that God has is for your use, because you are a joint heir with Jesus, God's Son.
- You can ask God for anything that He said is His will, and He will do it.

Prayer of Confession...

Heavenly Father, I want to fulfill Your will by being in Your family. Thank You for allowing Jesus to take my punishment for sin so that I can be a joint heir with Him and a child of God. Thank You for making me all right with You forever!

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
