



Understanding God's Gift of Restoration

Man's Destruction and God's Restoration

Leader's Notes

I. Man's destruction.

- The first spiritual catastrophe occurred between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
- Genesis 1:1-2, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters..." (NLT).*
- Lucifer was an anointed archangel of God.
- Evil was found in Lucifer, and he committed treason.
- Isaiah 14:13-14, *"For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High'" (NLT).*
- Lucifer declared war against God and heaven—and was defeated.
- God stripped Lucifer of his name, his ability and his power.
- Lucifer became Satan, the devil.
- God created man with spiritual authority and the life of God, things that Satan wanted.
- Satan deceived the woman convincing her to disobey God.
- Satan maneuvered Adam, positioning him to commit treason against God.
- The devil used Adam's authority to increase sin in the earth and to continue his revolt against God.
- Man came under Satan's dominion, so he was scheduled for the same punishment the devil will get.
- To free man, God had to deliver him from Satan and from sin.
- God needed a man—a Deliverer.





Understanding God's Gift of Restoration

II. God's plan of restoration.

- God wanted to love and have fellowship with mankind.
- God made man with abilities and dominion that no other created being had.
 - Psalm 8:5, *"You made us a little lower than you yourself, and you have crowned us with glory and honor" (CEV).*
- God redeemed, or restored, man.
- God's plan to redeem man unfolded through time, preparing for Jesus to come to the earth.
- Jesus' selfless act of substitution satisfied the debt barrier that kept God and man apart.
- Because of Jesus' death on the cross, man can now get free from the control of Satan and live in fellowship with God.
- Jesus paid the price for you!

Confession

Heavenly Father, I believe that Your gift of redemption is real in my life. All the things You said in Your Word about me are true. I step out in faith, believe God's Word, speak God's will in my life and in the lives of those around me and expect successful results. Jesus redeemed me from the curse of sin and death, so that I may live for God! I am redeemed!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.
