

What was the point of the message on Sun.? Not sure? Well, if for some reason you missed it, no problem.

Here's The Point ...

“Faith in the word of God gives us the hope of life.”

1. The Hope of Life in our Homes

In Genesis 3:16, we learn that the perfect peace that was designed to be in the home will be broken as a result of sin - peace between parents and children and peace between husbands and wives. The pain in bringing forth children will be multiplied. The woman will know the pain of labor, and this pain will be multiplied in seeing her child whom she loves dishonor her, live contrary to her word and outside her authority. Although there will be great joy in bringing forth children, sin will cause strife and struggles within the context of the parent/child relationship and also the husband/wife relationship as both the husband and the wife will try to rule each other in a way that they shouldn't. Yet as a believer, there's the hope of bringing life into these relationships. Parents, from day one, must look to God's word to train up their children in the way they should go, and husbands and wives must look to God's word on how to compliment each other in the biblical roles of a wife's respectful submission (Eph. 5:22-24,33) and a husband's loving sacrifice (Eph. 5:25,33).

2. The Hope of Life in our Work

In Genesis 3:17-19a, we learn that work will be hard. Man will sweat and struggle in striving to put bread on the table. We will ask ourselves, “is all my work, is all my toil on this earth in vain?” And the world's response is to say, “Yes, work is tough, but the tough get going. Yes life is hard, but I'll figure things out my way.” Believers, however, look to God's word as their hope of bringing life to their work. They seek to work according to the wisdom He has given and according to the purpose He has given, knowing that unless the Lord builds the house, those who labor, labor in vain. “Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Cor. 15:58).

3. The Hope of Life in our Death

In Genesis 3:19b, we learn that physical death is a result of Adam's sin, but thankfully a “New Adam” (Jesus) has come and has lived the perfect life that we should have lived, died the death we should have died and has risen from the dead (Romans 5:12-17). As a result of Adam's disobedience, the garden of life was turned into a place of death. But as a result of Christ's obedience, the ground of death is turned into a garden of life. His resurrection transforms the ground into a new womb bearing the promise of a new life. This gives us the hope that as our bodies return to the ground, they do not return to a place of death, but in Christ, they return to a place of life because one day we will be raised up (see 1 Thess. 4:13-18). And so life without Christ is a hopeless end, but life with Christ is an endless hope.

4. The Hope of Life in our Future

In Genesis 3:20 we see Adam ordering his life, not upon fear, but upon faith. After hearing what the result of his sin will bring, he is surrounded by the reality of pain and death. But Adam looks in faith to the word and promise of God regarding his wife in Genesis 3:15. By naming his wife, Eve (*life giver*), it showed that Adam was staking his hope for the future on the word of God. At this point the woman had not yet given birth, but Adam saw, what we must see ... that faith in the word of God gives us the hope of life in our future. Adam marked his life, not by fear of the future but by faith in God's promise for the future.