

Devotion 7- The New Eden

Remember the first week? Remember Paradise? Adam and Eve lived in a perfect world. Eden was on a mountain that had rivers flowing through it. It was the most peaceful place on earth. They were completely happy. The relationship between husband and wife was perfect. The relationship between God and his created humans were exactly how it should be. They loved each other well. Eden was the perfect world.

Sin changed everything. It infected the world like a disease. The darkness of sin spread throughout humanity. Adam and Eve were no longer able to be in the presence of God. They were kicked out of the garden and never allowed to enter.

Genesis 49 changes everything. God uses a man named Jacob to change the world. While Jacob is lying on his deathbed, he prophesies and predicts that each of his sons will have a special future. When he gets to his son Judah, he proclaims that a mighty king will come from his family. This king will have a scepter and he will reign with it. The people of the land will obey and worship him. They will bow down to him as their king. With this king, will come complete peace. The land will have an abundance of food. It will be a beautiful paradise. Mankind can be in the presence of God again.

Can you image it? Can you image being able to walk with the perfect King? In this New Eden, God will walk and talk with you. You will be a son or daughter to him. He will love you as his own child. He will be a powerful yet good king. Every relationship will be of love, joy, happiness, and peacefulness. The world will not be angry, sinful, sick, or saddened. Instead, it will be a world of complete peace.

Not everyone will be there. There will be those who never believed in the champion. There will be those who never gave their life over to Jesus. They will not be in this paradise. They will not belong to the family of God. But those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will spend eternity with him in paradise.

Questions

1. What is Jacob's prophesy about?
2. What does the New Eden look like?
3. Who will be in this New Eden?
4. How can you make sure that you will spend eternity with Jesus?