Creation September 1

The Fall

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine yourself in a lush garden with all your needs supplied, suddenly a smooth talking snake slithers up, unknown to Eve this was the beginning of the end of her happy home.

Evil was represented here by a snake; evil presents itself in many ways in this life, bright lights, painted ladies, promise of good times through drugs and alcohol.

When Eve said they couldn't eat of the tree of knowledge because they would die – The snake replied, "That's not true; you will not die. God said that, because he knows that when you eat it you will be like God and know what is good and what is bad." Genesis 3:4, 5.

Eve eyed have beautiful fruit and thought how grand it would be to be wise – So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, and he also ate it. Genesis 3:6b. Always look beneath the glamour to the real character of the temptation.

The human race had fallen into sin and knew the presence of evil. Life is like that, with all is well in life is easy, we’re not satisfied we go looking for something new, adventuresome.

We need to remain steadfast in the Lord.

VERSE FOR TODAY: The Lord sees what happens everywhere; he is watching us, whether we do good or evil. Proverbs 15:3.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, never to be overcome by grand exteriors but use your guidance to choose what is best.

Sin September 2

The Consequences

That night when the Lord came to the garden, Adam and Eve heard him and hid, because they were embarrassed at their nakedness. The Lord found them, knowing of their transgression.

-The Lord God asked the woman, “Why did you do this?”

She replied, “The snake tricked me into eating it.” Genesis 3:13.

Doesn't that sound like us, always blaming someone else for our sins?

The consequences of their sin:

* The snake was cursed to crawl for ever on its belly and eat death.
* The woman was inflicted with painful childbirth but in spite of this she would desire her husband.
* The man's curse was to have to work hard to provide enough food to eat. The soil was also cursed ever produced we can thorns.

The most in immediate consequence was being cast out of the garden of. The tree of life was then guarded by living creatures, because man had become like God, knowing right from wrong it must not eat of the tree of life and live forever.

Never be led to believe that sin does not have consequences, because it does, those consequences may not be immediately felt but don't forget judgment day!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Foolish people don't care if they sin, but good people want to be forgiven. Proverbs 14:9.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, never to willfully sin but to always know you are there to forgive the conscience and unconscious sin.

Out in the World September 3

Cain and Able

Adam and Eve left the garden started a family. Cain and Abel were there first two sons.

Cain became a farmer and Abel a shepherd. When it came time to make an offering to the Lord, Abel presented a lamb and Cain a grain offering. – The Lord was pleased with Abel and his offering, 5but he rejected Cain and his offering. Cain became furious, and he scowled in anger. Genesis 4:4b, 5.

This offering was for worship, not forgiveness of sin. Note that Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil but Abel brought the fat portions and the firstborn. Abel’s offering found favor with God but Cain’s did not. The attitude of giving was wrong. Cain became angry. In his anger and resentment Cain killed Abel – The Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

He answered, “I don't know. Am I supposed to take care of my brother?”

Genesis 4:9.

That is a good question for us, are we supposed to take care of our brother? Yes, we are never to stop caring and sharing our goods as well as ourselves for the needs of others.

Cain was sent away from the presence of God to wander.

If we’re out of the presence of God we are homeless wanderers on this Earth also.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Help to carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to serve others in a way that will be pleasing to you. Thank you, for shedding of your blood to my sins can be forgiven.

Out in the World September 4

Mankind’s Wickedness

In the generations between Adam and Noah the people lived to a very old age, for example: When Methuselah was 187, he had a son, Lamech, and then lived another 782 years. He had other children and died at the age of 969. Genesis 5:25-27. Because of the wickedness in the world – Then the Lord said, “I will not allow people to live for ever; they are mortal. From now on they will live no longer than 120 years.” Genesis 6:3.

God was originally pleased with all of his creation, but as time passed and soon evil became commonplace on the earth, God became disappointed with mankind to the point – that he said, "I will wipe out these people I have created, and also the animals and birds, because I am sorry that I made any of them." Genesis 6:7.

As we know not all mankind was destroyed but once again sin has become prevalent in the world, God will once again cleanse the world with his second coming, when or where or exactly how we don't know but we must keep ourselves cleansed from sin through forgiveness.

LINGERING THOUGHT: Be prepared for the Lord’s second coming.

VERSE FOR TODAY: God look at the world and saw that it was evil, for the people were all living evil lives. Genesis 6:12.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to fill my life with good and not evil, to know your will and to build my life, with you in control. Thank you, O Lord for your care and concern for me and my life.

A Chosen Man September 5

Noah

Through all the wickedness in the world, God was able to find one man that he was pleased with, Noah was that man.

God told Noah of his plan to destroy the world and gave Noah the instructions for building the Ark because of the flood he was going to send as the destructive force.

Picture if you will, a man and his family constructing a very large boat, on perfectly dry land and when asked, saying that God had instructed him to build this boat because there was a flood coming that would destroy everything. The ridicule and hate that Noah must have suffered, but he finished the Ark as the Lord had told him to do.

We too are subjects of ridicule when we proclaim what God has done for us or that we are doing something that the Lord has told us to do. Noah stayed faithful and was saved when the flood came, if we remain faithful, we also will be saved for all eternity.

Noah was righteous, steadfast, and obedient, these were the reasons God chose him to be safe and start the new generations on the earth.

We have attributes that have made us desirable to do God’s work, we must remain steadfast and faithful, like Noah.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Noah did everything that God commanded. Genesis 6:22.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to do everything you command me to do, and honor and glorify your name.

Labor Day September 6

Unemployed

Unemployment among the workforce of this world is high. We should not worry if unemployed about our daily needs – “So do not start worrying: ‘Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?’ (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things.  Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. Matthew 6:31-33.

In God's work there is no unemployment – You have a saying, ‘Four more months and then the harvest.’ But I tell you, take a good look at the fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! John 4:35. When the fields are ready for harvest on the farm all hands are needed, the world is ready for the harvest unto the Lord Jesus. Our heart and hands are needed to spread the word of God.

Be willing servant of God – And to Solomon he said, “My son, I charge you to acknowledge your father's God and to serve him with an undivided heart and a willing mind…”  I Chronicles 28:9a.

Today is set aside to salute the American workforce, but even if earthly unemployed; we’re never out of God's work!

VERSE FOR TODAY: It is God who clothes the wild grass — grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burnt up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? How little faith you have! Matthew 6:30.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help Me, O Lord, whether earthly employee or unemployed, to do your work with a willing heart.

The Flood September 7

In the Ark

Noah finished the Ark, took his family, the animals in the food into the Ark as God commanded.

Imagine spending a year in a boat – With them went every kind of animal, domestic and wild, large and small, and every kind of bird. Genesis 7:14.

Think of all the food needed for just the animals!

Noah and his family, eight adults, must have had quite a job keeping all those animals fed and cleaned!

The Ark was very large, seventy-two feet longer than a football field, as wide as two standard houses, and had three stories.

Noah probably didn't know all that he was getting into when he accepted God's assignment to build the ark, but he remained faithful and saw it through.

We complain when it rains a few days, imagine forty days of rain and then all those animals and being in the Ark all that time, the Lord had to be with them all to keep peace among the animals and among the people.

Our entire life is an assignment for God, we don't know all that lies ahead of us, but we do know that if we are faithful God will take care of us.

VERSE FOR TODAY: God had not forgotten Noah and all the animals with him in that boat; he caused of wind to blow, and the water started going down. Genesis 8:1.

PRAYER THOUGHT:O Lord, let me always know that you have not forgotten me. If anyone moves it isn't you Lord away from me but me away from you.

After the Flood September 8

The Covenant

After the flood was over in the occupants of the Ark were dispersed, Noah presented a sacrifice to God.

God made a covenant with Noah and his sons – With these words I make my covenant with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world. Genesis 9:11, 13.

We've all seen lovely rainbows in the sky and it is a reminder that God keeps his word that is always with us.

Noah’s sons were responsible for repopulating the world: Japheth and his descendants lived along the coast and islands in the northwest region of the earth. Ham’s grandson, Nimrod, was the first conqueror. Ham’s son Canaan, cursed by his grandfather was the beginning of the Canaanites. Shem’s descendants are the Hebrews.

-All these peoples are the descendants of Noah, nation by nation, according to their different lines of descent. After the flood all the nations of the earth were descended from the sons of Noah. Genesis 10:32.

VERSE FOR TODAY: These three sons of Noah were the ancestors of all the people of the Earth. Genesis 9:19.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank you, O Lord, for the beauty of the rainbow and your everlasting promises.