

**I. The Angel of the LORD Comes with Gospel and Law (vv 1-2).****A. Now the angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bochim**

- 1) The Setting: Gilgal is where the covenant is renewed, and God comes down to bless His people (Jsh 5:9). Bochim is where the covenant is broken, and God comes to judge His people.
- 2) Who is the Angel of the LORD?
  - a) He is not a created being, but true and very God
    - i. The Angel of the LORD ascribes to Himself works of the LORD
    - ii. The Angel of the LORD ascribes to Himself words of the LORD
    - iii. The Angel of the LORD speaks as God, and not just on behalf of
    - iv. The Angel of the LORD prescribes and receives worship
  - b) He is the theophonic appearance of God the Son before the incarnation (Jn 1:18)
- 3) The importance of the Angel of the LORD (Mal 3:1)
- 4) The Echo of Exile from Eden

**B. The Angel of the LORD bringing the Gospel**

- 1) *I brought you up from Egypt* (Ex 20:1-2)
- 2) *And brought you into the land that swore to give to your fathers*
- 3) *And I said, I will never break my covenant with you* (2 Tim 2:11-13)

**C. The Angel of the LORD bringing the Law**

- 1) *And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land* (Ex 23:32-33)
- 2) *You shall break down their altars* (Ex 20:3-4)
- 3) *But you have not obeyed my voice*
- 4) *What is this you have done?* (Gen 3:8-13)

**D. Uses from the Text**

- 1) We must confess our sins to God.
- 2) We cannot look to ourselves for salvation, for we have been unfaithful (Rom 3:23)
- 3) We must look to the one who is faithful (1 Jn 1:9)

**II. The Curse Is Pronounced Upon Israel (v 3).****A. The Three-Fold Curse**

- 1) *I will not drive them out before you* (Jsh 5:14; Gen 2:17; Heb 9:27; 1 Cor 15:26)
- 2) *But they shall become thorns in your sides* (Num 33:55; Gen 3:18; Rev 21:8)
- 3) *And their gods shall be a snare to you* (Rom 5:12; Rev 22:3)

**B. Uses from the Text**

- 1) This is the cursed world in which the Church dwells (Eccl 2:24-26)
- 2) Our hope cannot be this world (the land) but the Lord (1 Cor 15:42-49)
- 3) The Resurrection is to be our hope and encouragement (1 Cor 15:58)

**III. Godly Sorrow for Sin Leading to Faith in Christ (vv 4-5).****A. Godly Sorrow for Sin**

- 1) Upon hearing the Word
- 2) True sorrow for sin
- 3) Answering Objections from the Text
  - a) Objection 1: Why does true repentance begin with sight of and sorrow over sin?
  - b) Objection 2: Why don't I have a sorrow over my sin as I used to?
    - i. Because of the repetition of sins (1 Tim 4:2)
    - ii. Because of the lack of sight of the sinfulness of sins
    - iii. Because of the lack of sight of the holiness of God
    - iv. Because of the lack of sight of the seriousness of the Law
    - v. Because of the lack of sight of the gravity and torments of hell
    - vi. Because of the lack of sight of the goodness of the Gospel
    - vii. Because of the lack of sight of the purity and glory of heaven

**B. Godly Sorrow for sin leading to faith in Christ**

- 1) Naming that place (2 Cor 7:10)
- 2) Sacrificing to the Lord
  - a) The echo of the exile from Eden (Gen 3:21)
  - b) The Word has left us exposed before the omniscient holiness of God. (Heb 4:13)
  - c) We are like Adam and Eve in the Garden (Gen 3:7)
  - d) We need to be clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Lk 15:20-22a)

**C. Uses from the Text**

- 1) Do not delay in confessing and repenting from sin (Gen 4:7)
- 2) Remember in the hour of temptation the suffering and sorrow brought about by sin.
- 3) Look to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sin (Rom 5:18-19)