

Genesis - Lesson 03

Genesis Chapter 3

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Memory verses for this week: *2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

Introduction: We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as Satan enters the garden of Eden and tempts Eve with the fruit that God had forbidden that they eat. With sin came the fall of man.

I. The Temptation

Gen 3:1 *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Did God know that man would sin? Of course he did. Sin did not catch God off guard. Some question God's creation of man, if He knew all of this. It is not right to question the acts of God.

Rom. 9:20 God also knew the wonderful results of salvation, and how that a redeemed people would give eternal glory to Him.

Satan's Approach was one with wisdom and subtlety.

2Co 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Notice how that Satan did not reveal who he was and that he was God's enemy. Satan used the highest form of animal life to deceive. Adam had been commanded to dress and keep the Garden. "Keep" carries with it the thought of guarding and protecting. Notice the fallacy of Satan. He questioned God's Word.

Gen 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Eve's Responds to Satan and testifies of God's blessing and mentions God's restriction. But note that she added to God's Word in verse 3. God never said anything about touching the fruit

Pro 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Pro 30:6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

This is always a dangerous thing to do. Many are doing this today, with versions and perversions of the Word of God.

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Satan is not defeated nor discouraged. He quickly mounts his second attack. He denies God's Word and His honesty. Notice that Satan works in the religious realm. He substitutes his own word

and questions God's motive. As we have all experience, Satan lies and promises better things.

II. THE FALL AND THE IMMEDIATE RESULT

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Eve's Disobedience followed her temptation.

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Note the 3 lusts and how Eve fell for all three. The first was the lust of the flesh. The fruit was "Good for food."

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

The second thing she fell for was the lust of the eye. The fruit was "Pleasant to the eyes." How many sins begin with a look? And lastly she fell for the sin of the pride of life. Satan said this fruit would "make one wise."

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

The moment they sinned, they died a spiritual death. The result of sin came after Eve ate and then gave unto her husband. Once she sinned, now she involves Adam. Sin spreads. Adam ate of the fruit also.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

The moment they sinned they fell from their perfect position with God and the sin is now passed to all who are born in this world. For the first time, they knew they were naked. Contrast "eyes ... opened" in v. 5 and 7. Man would have never needed clothes if he had not sinned. This is why men and women need to dress modestly today. They made themselves aprons to cover themselves. Even to this day, this is still the nature of man. He desires to produce his own remedy and covering for sin.

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. Job 14:5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

After they sin, they then hid from God.

III. THE CURSE OF SIN AND IT'S CURE BY GOD

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Gen 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Man never seeks God, but thankfully God Seeking Sinners. God's voice goes out to them and His presence is among them. Then God has some probing questions to them. Where art thou? This is the first question of the O.T. The first question of the N.T. is, "Where is he?" Then in verse 11, another question is given. Who told thee? God is going to sin's source. God knew they had eaten of the fruit, but confronts them with the question "Hast thou eaten of the tree?" Sin is the transgression of God's will. And another question followed: "What is this thou hast done?" The total result of all of man's sin is the answer.

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Curse came because of sin. In verses 14-15, the curse upon the Serpent. Then in verse 16, the curse upon the woman where she would be in sorrow in bearing children. Also there came a curse upon the ground. We have weeds and thistles today because of sin. Then the curse upon man where we now have to work to survive and ultimate death comes to the physical man because of sin.

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

God could have left Adam and Eve forever separated from Himself, but rather He gave them a Cure. The cure was salvation and it was because of Grace, the unmerited love of God.

The seed of the woman would hang on a cross. This speaks of Christ on the cross at Mt. Calvary. Christ was the seed.

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should

desire him.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

God provided a covering for them with coats of skin, a type of the righteousness of Christ. Blood had to be shed in this typification. God came where they were and called them. Note this is all of God. God convicted them and stripped them of their self-righteous aprons. God shed the blood. (Implied but not stated.) And ultimately, God clothed them.

Luk 15:22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

Luk 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

Luk 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Adam and Eve were driven out to keep them from eating of the tree of life and living forever in their lost condition. The Expulsion was because of Grace.

*"In peace let me resign my breath,
And Thy salvation see;
My sins deserve eternal death,
But Jesus died for me."—Valpy*

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Did God know that man would sin before He created him?

Yes

2. What did Satan first try to cast doubt upon, as he tempted Eve?

Lied and told her that she would not surely die. Questioned God's word.

3. It seems that Eve added some to the Word of God. What?

That they could not touch the fruit. They were forbidden to eat of it.

4. What did Satan promise Eve, if she ate the forbidden fruit?

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

5. What did Eve first do after she ate of the forbidden fruit?

Gave to Adam to also eat.

6. When they saw they were naked, what did they do?

Ran and hid themselves.

7. Did Adam and Eve seek the help of God after they had sinned?

No. Man does not seek after God.

8. Who did Adam blame his sin on? Who did Eve blame?

On Eve and she on the serpent.

8. In your own words state the curse upon the serpent, the woman, the ground, and upon man.

Serpent was to eat dust on his belly all of his days. Woman to be in sorrow in child bearing, Weeds and thistles for the ground, and man was to have to work for a living.

9. Who was the seed of the woman?

Jesus Christ.

10. Explain the covering and its meaning, that God made for them.

Typification of the covering of sin by a blood sacrifice which pointed to Jesus Christ.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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