

Genesis 2:8 *And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

Genesis 2: 16-17 ¹⁶ *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Genesis 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?*

Genesis 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.*

Genesis 3:11, 13 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? ... 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.*

Genesis 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.*

1. Introduction

a. Choices

- i. All choices have consequences
- ii. God call all people to make an eternal choice

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

- iii. Adam & Eve also made an eternal choice

b. Six steps leading to the curse of sin

2. Discovered Life

a. Complete supply

- i. God created Garden of Eden – Genesis 2:8
- ii. Adam & Eve had everything they needed

b. Confident stewardship

- i. Adam & Eve's job to take care of the garden
- ii. God promises to supply to meet all of our needs – not greeds

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

3. Declared Law

a. What are laws? – Genesis 2:16

- i. Clearly stated rules to live with
- ii. God gave Adam & Eve permission to eat of any tree (except one)

b. Clearly stated prohibition – Genesis 2:17

- i. God gave Adam & Eve only one simple rule – Genesis 2:17
- ii. Do not eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil

c. Costly sudden penalty

- i. Death was penalty for disobedience
- ii. God's Law is also simple
 - a) Ten commandments list of "you shall not ..."
 - b) Many positive commands only require Christian to have desire to please God

4. Deceitful Lie

a. Who is the serpent?

- i. Satan originally called Lucifer son of the morning – Isaiah 14:12-15
- ii. Satan was the covering cherub over God's throne– Ezekiel 28:11-19

b. Disgraceful quarantine

- i. God finally threw Satan out of heaven down to earth
- ii. Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven in the past

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

- iii. God will close heaven's door to Satan for the final time in book of Revelation

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

c. Dangerous questioning

- i. Satan shows up as a “snake in the grass” in the Garden of Eve
- ii. He tempts Eve by asking question “Has God said ...?” – Genesis 3:1
 - a) He asks questions about everything God said to bring doubt
 - b) Then Satan contradicts God hinting at hidden knowledge
- iii. But God has already revealed Himself inside each human
 - a) God is already known to humans

Romans 1:19-20 ¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

- b) God gives light to each person about Himself

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- c) Human inner conscience also bears witness

Romans 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;

5. Disastrous Look

a. Careless focus

- i. He gave Eve wrong answers to his questions – Genesis 3:4
- ii. Satan tempted Eve to look in another direction – Genesis 3:5
- iii. Forbidden fruit looked good & became desirable in her thoughts – Genesis 3:6
- iv. God comments how well the eye guides the body

Luke 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

- v. But God wants Christian to look only at Him

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

b. Condemning fall

- i. God created Adam & Eve to fellowship with Himself
- ii. But they died spiritually when they ate the fruit

- a) Adam brought sin upon the entire human race

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

- b) No one seeks after God

Romans 3:10-11 ¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: ¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

- c) All humans are as unclean, filthy rags before God

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

6. Defenseless Lament

- a. Hasty recognition – Genesis 3:7

- i. They knew that they were naked
- ii. They covered themselves up with fig leaves
- iii. Whose voice is the Christian listening to now?

- b. Hopeless rationale – Genesis 3:8-10

- i. They were afraid of God when they heard Him coming
 - a) They heard God's voice & hid themselves from God's presence
- ii. God's first conversation with Adam – Genesis 3:10-12
 - a) God asked Adam, "Who told you ...? Did you eat the forbidden fruit ...?"
 - b) Adam does some blame shifting
 - 1) The woman – it's her fault
 - 2) That You gave me – it's now also God's fault
- iii. God's second conversation with Eve – Genesis 3:13
 - a) God asked Eve, "What have you done ...?"
 - b) Eve also shifts the blame – the serpent's fault
- iv. Human life to see themselves as victims of someone else or circumstances
- v. The soul that sins shall die – Ezekiel 18:4, 20

- c. Harsh reality

- i. God gives His judgment for this matter
- ii. Serpent's punishment – Genesis 3:14-15

- a) Satan already thrown out of heaven because of his pride
- b) Now the serpent is cursed because of his lies
- c) Satan is father of lies

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- iii. In contrast, Jesus speaks the truth & conquers Satan

John 8:45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

7. Deliberate Love

a. Persistent destruction – Genesis 3:16-19

- i. Eve's punishment is pain in childbearing
- ii. Adam's punishment is hard labor to grow crops in cursed ground
- iii. Sinner's punishment is wronging his own soul & loving death

Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

b. Painful displacement – Genesis 3:23-24

- i. God chased Adam & Eve out of the garden
- ii. God placed several cherubim to guard the Tree of Life
- iii. Human sin separates all people from God

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

c. Promised deliverer – Genesis 3:15

- i. God's third conversation with the serpent
- ii. Satan's seed will bruise heel of woman's seed
- iii. Woman's seed will bruise Satan's head
- iv. First prophecy of coming Messiah
- v. Type of Christ the Messiah – Genesis 3:21
 - a) God took the life of animals & made them clothing of skins
 - b) The animal skins covered Adam & Eve
 - c) The animals died losing their blood

d) God sent His own Son to redeem the human race

Galatians 4:4-5 ⁴ *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*
⁵ *To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

e) God's own lamb – Jesus of Nazareth

John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

f) God shows His love to people while they were still sinners

Romans 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

g) Jesus took the curse of sin for us

Galatians 3:13 *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

8. Conclusion

- a. This is the gospel, the good news
- b. Jesus is the only remedy for salvation