

Genesis – The Fall of Man Gen. 3:1-24

Thesis: To help us understand the sin of Adam and Eve and the consequences of it.

Introduction:

- A. The sin of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 is the first recorded sin in the Bible.
 - 1. Eve is tempted by Satan.
 - 2. She yields to that temptation and also causes Adam to sin.
 - 3. The consequences of this sin are still being felt today.

- B. Today, we will look at this sin and the consequences of it.

I. Notice the actual sin that Adam and Eve committed (3:1-13).

- A. The serpent came to Eve to tempt her (3:1-5).
 - 1. Satan asked Eve if she could eat of any tree in the Garden of Eden (3:1).
 - 2. Eve said that she could eat of any tree except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (3:2-3).
 - a. Obviously, she knew what God had expected from this tree.
 - b. God had told Adam and Eve that they were not to eat of this tree (2:16-17).
 - c. We are not told if God told this to Eve or if it was Adam, but we do know that she was told that she could not eat of the fruit of this tree.
 - 3. The serpent tells Eve that she will not die (3:4-5).
 - a. Instead of death, Satan told Eve that she would become like God; and they she would know good and evil.
 - b. Obviously, this was a lie.
 - c. **Jn. 8:44** (Jesus speaking to the Pharisees) - **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

B. Eve saw that the fruit was good for food, and so she took of it and ate it (3:6).

- 1. Not only did she take of the fruit herself, but she also gave some to Adam.
- 2. Both Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying the direct command of God.

C. Notice the two main types of sin that were committed by Adam and Eve.

- 1. The sin of Eve was one of deception.
 - a. The serpent deceived Eve.
 - b. **I Tim. 2:14** - **And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.**
- 2. The sin of Adam was deliberate, or willful.

- a. There is no indication that Adam was deceived by Eve.
- b. The implication is that Adam willfully sinned by deliberately disobeying God.

D. They knew that they had sinned because they began to make excuses for their actions (3:7-13).

1. They went and hid when they heard the presence of God (3:7-11).
2. Adam blamed Eve and God (3:12).
3. Eve blamed the serpent (3:13).

II. Notice the immediate consequences of their sin (3:14-24).

A. Satan was the first to be punished (3:14-15).

1. Because of this, God cursed the serpent by making it to crawl on its belly (3:14).
2. Also, God put enmity between the serpent and the woman (3:15).
 - a. Satan would bruise the heel of her Seed (Christ), but her Seed would bruise his head.
 - b. This was fulfilled when Jesus went to the cross and was raised from the dead.

B. Eve was also punished by God (3:16).

1. Eve was punished with pain in childbirth.
2. Her husband would also rule over her.
 - a. **I Tim. 2:9-15** – Men have the authority in the church because the woman was deceived and “fell into transgression.”
 - b. **Eph. 5:22-23** - Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. {23} For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

C. Adam was the last individual that was punished by God (3:17-19).

1. The ground was cursed because of this sin (3:17-18).
2. Also, because of this sin, Adam was going to die (3:19).
 - a. **Gen. 5:5** - So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.
 - b. **Ecc. 12:7** - Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

D. Their punishment was also being separated from God (3:20-24).

1. Remember, God had told them that in the day they ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they would die (2:17).
2. The idea of death in this context is separation of God.
3. This was fulfilled when they were kicked out of the garden and separated from God.

III. Notice the eternal consequence of their sin.

A. Adam brought sin into the world.

1. **I Cor. 15:20-22** - But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. {21} For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. {22} For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
2. It was because of the sin of Adam that death came into the world.

B. It is also because of the sin of Adam that Jesus had to die.

1. Jesus died to take away the sin of the world.
2. Adam is the one who brought sin into the world.
3. The sin of Adam ultimately caused Jesus to go to the cross.

Conclusion:

- A. Since the time of Adam, man has sinned before God.
- B. This sin can only be forgiven through Christ.