

GENESIS – LESSON TWO

I. MAN’S FALL IN SIN (3:1-24)

- A. The Serpent Beguiles Eve (v.1-5)
 - 1. Serpent questions God’s word – “yea, hath God said...?”
 - 2. Serpent lies, contradicting God’s word – “ye shall not surely die.”
 - 3. Serpent accuses God before Eve – “God doth know...ye shall be as God”
- B. Eve and Adam Give in to Temptation and Consequently Sin (v.6-13)
 - 1. Avenues of Temptation:
 - a. Saw tree as good for food
 - b. Saw tree as delight to eyes
 - c. Saw tree as to be desired to make one wise
 - 2. Eve gives forbidden fruit to Adam- he eats
 - 3. Adam and Eve make aprons of fig leaves.
 - 4. Adam and Eve try to hide from God due to their nakedness.
 - 5. Adam and Eve give reasons for their disobedience.
- C. Consequences of Sin – God’s pronouncements (v.14-24)
 - 1. The Serpent – Cursed above all cattle and beast of field; must go on belly, eat dust, enmity between seed of woman and own seed – will bruise heel of woman’s seed.
 - 2. The Woman – Pain in conception multiplied; desire to her husband; husband will rule over her, her seed will bruise head of seed of serpent.
 - 3. The Man – Sorrowful toil with sweat will work a cursed ground in order to eat herbs and bread; will return to dust from which he was made.
 - 4. Physical Death – Adam and Eve driven from the garden of Eden and the tree of life.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What *three facts* characterize the serpent in the garden?
- 2. Do the Scriptures allow for *the possibility* that the serpent in Genesis 3 is merely a “literary device” making it a “serpent motif” by “borrowing imagery from the mythological culture of that day regarding a cosmological foe of Deity”?

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3. How does the serpent tear down any resistance of Eve in not disobeying God?
4. How did Eve *look* at the forbidden fruit that *tempted her* to eat of the forbidden tree?
5. How are we tempted today to sin?
6. What did Eve do with the fruit from the forbidden tree after she ate of the tree?
7. What moved Adam and Eve to make aprons of fig leaves?
8. Why did Adam and Eve try to hide from God?
9. Why does the Omniscient God ask Adam and Eve, “Where art thou”?
10. Did Adam and Eve give “true reasons” or “flimsy excuses” for their sin?
11. How was the serpent “cursed”?
12. How was God’s statement to the serpent, “*I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*” fulfilled.

13. Was childbirth one of the consequences of Eve sinning?
14. Explain the meaning of God’s statement to the woman, “thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over you”?
15. What was cursed as consequence of man’s sin and how would this affect man?
16. Why did Adam call his wife “Eve”?
17. Why did God make coats of skins for Adam and Eve?
18. How do the events in Genesis 3 help us deal properly and godly with the subject of “nakedness”?
19. When did the consequence “the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” occur?
20. What was God’s motive for driving man out of the garden of Eden?
21. How did God guard the tree of life in the garden of Eden?