

Genesis 3:1-17; April 7, 2025 -Men's Monday Morning Bible Study

Review and Intro: Last week we saw that work and marriage precede the fall and are wonderful and beautiful things that authentic men should give themselves to.

Today, the text reveals a monumental shift in all creation.

Text:

V1 “has God said...” is the beginning of many a temptation.

James 1:14 says that we are tempted because of our own lusts.

Jesus deals with Satan by quoting a broader viewpoint of Scripture in Luke 4:1-13.

-The devil knows Scripture.

-It is up to you to know it better and be able to interpret the obscure by the clear.

Where is Adam? He is passive.

V3 Eve adds, “you shall not touch it...”

V4 The serpent says, “you surely will NOT die...”

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

John 8:44 The devil is the father of the pharisees. He is the father of lies.

John 10:10 He comes to “steal, kill, and destroy.”

V5 The serpent basically says that God is causing you to miss out and he's cheating you.

V6 Eve eats the forbidden fruit and gives it to Adam and he eats also. Adam was “with her” and should have done something. He does not. He should have been “keeping” (2:15) the garden and killing snakes.

V7 Their eyes are opened and they become aware of their nakedness and apparently feel shame for it. This is in contrast to 2:25 where they “were both naked and not ashamed.”

V8 Yahweh is walking in the garden and they hear him and hide.

V9 Yahweh asks Adam where they are.

V10 Adam responds that he hid because of God’s presence and his nakedness and fear.

V11 Yahweh asks Adam who told him that he was naked and if they had eaten from the forbidden tree.

V12 Adam responds that it is not his fault. He blames Eve and God. He does not take responsibility. Adam makes excuses and tries to shift blame.

V13 Yahweh then asks Eve about it, and she blames the serpent.

V14 starts a poetic section of God’s monologue that ends in v19. V14-15 address the curse of the serpent. V15 is considered the first gospel “proto euangelion”. The seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent. V16 is the curse to the woman and v17-19 are the curse concerning Adam: the land.

Concerning the woman, she will endure pain in childbirth. Bearing children is the unique capability and blessing of women and her curse is now associated with the thing that would have otherwise built the kingdom of God on earth.

-1Tim 2:12-14

V12 Paul gives instruction about women not being fit for teaching roles in the church and then gives the justification: *For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a wrongdoer.*

V17 God addresses Adam and gives him the business about listening to the voice of his wife in eating from the tree that he knew better than to eat of. The result is that now the ground, which Adam was to cultivate, would now be cursed. The ground that would have otherwise cooperated is now going to fight him.

-Rom 8:22-24: ²² *For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.* ²³ *And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly*

waiting for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he *already* sees?

In addition, all mankind would now inherit Adam's sin. This is known as federal headship. Adam did what we would have all done. Therefore, as our father, we inherit his curse.

-Rom 5:12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned—*

Do not make the mistake of thinking that this fall was a partial thing. It was a complete and utter fall. We are now blind, and deaf, dead in our trespasses and sins. Lookup "total depravity"¹ and read all the verses concerning our inability to save ourselves or even choose correctly. Our choosing mechanism is broken. All is broken and enslaved to sin. The noetic effects of sin cloud our thinking and have broken our ability to perceive and understand. Dr. Greg Bahnsen had some excellent teaching on this especially regarding apologetic.² However, for our own study, we must understand that we ourselves were dead.

Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5 - *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved*

What should we do?

1Cor 16:13 *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*

Much of the rest of the Bible is about how God has made a way for man to get back to Him. The culmination is the new heavens and new earth whereby God makes all things new again. It is the epic narrative of God's redemption of His people. Jesus is the redeemer. Repent and believe the gospel. Continue to repent and believe.

¹ <https://traviscarden.com/total-depravity-verse-list>

² <https://images.americanvision.org/02-Lesson-2-Myth-of-Neutrality-Part-2.pdf>

Conclusion:

Don't believe lies. Know the common deceptions and accusations: "God is not there. He doesn't see your pain. He does not care. If He does, He cannot help. He will not help. He does not love you. You'll always be this way. You're doomed and cursed. God cannot be trusted. The alternative is better."

Sin always costs. It always brings death. It is always painful and affects others. Our sin does not just affect us. It affects everyone around us. Sin has a spreading tendency. It must be seen as a killer and treated accordingly.

Reject passivity and accept responsibility. There is a present responsibility given the hope of the gospel and a future vision of ultimate reconciliation of mankind to God. Do not make or permit women do the work of men. Step up and be a leader. Be a man.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your word and the worldview it provides. Make us men of truth, , righteousness, wisdom and action. For Christ and His covenant... for a thousand years by the work of the Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.