

Genesis 3

The Very First Battle of Worldviews

Follow up from last week: Genesis 3:15

The Genesis of Sin

The Instigator (Adversary)

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

1Pe 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

The Attraction

Satan disputes that God has her best interests in mind and claims that God has lied to her

Gen 3:4-5 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. (5) For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Her own senses tell her that eating of the fruit would be pleasurable

Gen 3:6a So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate,

Heb 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, (25) choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. (26) He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Lack of Attention

Gen 3:2-3 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, (3) but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, **neither shall you touch it**, lest you die.'"

Psa 119:9-11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. (10) With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! (11) I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Pro 24:30-34 I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, (31) and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. (32) Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. (33) A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, (34) and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

Lack of Leadership

Gen 3:6b and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

1Co 15:21-22 For as by **a man** came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as **in Adam all die**, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Deu 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

1Pe 5:2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

The Definition of Sin

Loving the Wrong Master

Genesis 1:4 And God saw that the light was good

Genesis 1:10 And God saw that it (creation of the Earth and Seas) was good

Genesis 1:12 And God saw that it (creation of vegetation) was good

Genesis 1:18 And God saw that it (creation of lights to rule over night and day) was good

Genesis 1:21 And God saw that it (creation of sea creatures and birds) was good

Genesis 1:25 And God saw that it (creation of beasts of the earth) was good.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 2:18 It is not good that man should be alone

Master #1

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, (17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Master #2

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food...

1Jn 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world--**the desires of the flesh** and the **desires of the eyes** and **pride in possessions**--is not from the Father but is from the world. (17) And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that **the tree was good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was **to be desired to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

The Consequences of Sin

Separation from God

Gen 3:24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Struggle in Purpose

Gen 3:16a To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

Gen 3:17-18 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; (18) thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

The Struggle for Headship

Gen 3:16b Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

The Struggle that Ends in Death

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Rom 6:23a For the wages of sin is death,

The Fate of the Adversary

Satan had already been cast out of heaven due to his rebellion

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Jud 1:6-7 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day-- (7) just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Now Satan's influence leads to man's sin – his punishment is both dust...

Gen 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Mic 7:16-17 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf; (17) they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling things of the earth; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; they shall turn in dread to the LORD our God, and they shall be in fear of you.

And destruction...

Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Deceitfulness of Sin

Pro 13:6 Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, but sin overthrows the wicked.

Pro 12:13 An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, but the righteous escapes from trouble.

Pro 29:6 An evil man is ensnared in his transgression, but a righteous man sings and rejoices.

Isa 57:21 There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

The Remedy for Sin

Mat 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

1Jn 5:1-3 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Next Week:

Read Genesis 4 & 5

Memory Verse: Genesis 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.