



TEXT: Genesis 3:1-24

TITLE: The Fall of Mankind

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I. WE LEARN ABOUT SATAN.

1. He's crafty.

- 2 Corinthians 11—he deceived Eve by his cunning; he disguises himself as an angel of light.

2. He twists God's words.

- “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of *any* tree in the garden?’”
- He misquotes God and tries to make him look like he's not good.

II. WE LEARN ABOUT MAN AND WOMAN.

1. Eve adds more restrictions to God's commands.

- “neither shall you touch it” (v.3)

2. Adam's passivity and failure to lead to Eve's sin.

- His curse then is related to his passivity—he will struggle managing his work. Things won't work the way they should for him in work because he failed leading

3. Both Adam and Eve shift the blame.

- “The serpent deceived me, and I ate” (v.13)
- Adam blames God. “The woman whom you gave me to be with me, she gave me...” (v.12)

4. God holds the man primarily responsible as the head.

- God calls for Adam first, in the singular. (v. 9). Of course God knew, but he is holding Adam accountable.

5. God curses the man and the woman for their disobedience.

- Adam—frustration in his work, the ground is cursed, and he will toil managing it.
- Eve—her desire will be for her husband. This word “desire” is rare, used in Gen. 4:7 about sin's “desire” to master Cain.
- Women, you cannot “fix” a man.

III. WE LEARN ABOUT SIN.

1. It has spread to all mankind.

- Romans 5:12

2. It separates us from God, which is death.

- They didn't die immediately physically, but eventually they did.
- But the real death is spiritual death, to be cast away from God presence forever and to face the dread and despair that goes along with it.

3. It renders us completely unable to make ourselves right.

- Romans 8:7-8
- Sin binds our will.
- We are enslaved to sin before God frees us.

IV. WE LEARN ABOUT THE GOSPEL.

1. God promises to bruise Satan's head.

- He does this through the Cross, through Jesus' death and resurrection
- Colossians 2:13-15

2. Sin must be covered and atoned for.

- God sheds the blood of an animal and makes skins to cover their nakedness and shame.
- The innocent will be sacrificed to cover the guilty.
- This points to sacrificial system that will be established through Moses to atone for sin.
- But ultimately, it points to Jesus.
 - Hebrews 9:11-14

FOURFOLD STATE OF MAN

1. Pre-Fall (*able to sin, able to not sin*)
2. Post-Fall (*able to sin, unable to not sin*)
3. Reborn (*able to sin, able to not sin*)
4. Glorified (*able to not sin, unable to sin*)

Felix Culpa "*happy fall*"

- "For God judged it better to bring good out of evil than not to permit any evil to exist." – Augustine
- #4 is better and happier than #1
 - 2 Cor 4:16-18
 - Romans 8:18-25