



SERIES: BEGINNINGS

Chapter 2 - "The Fall"

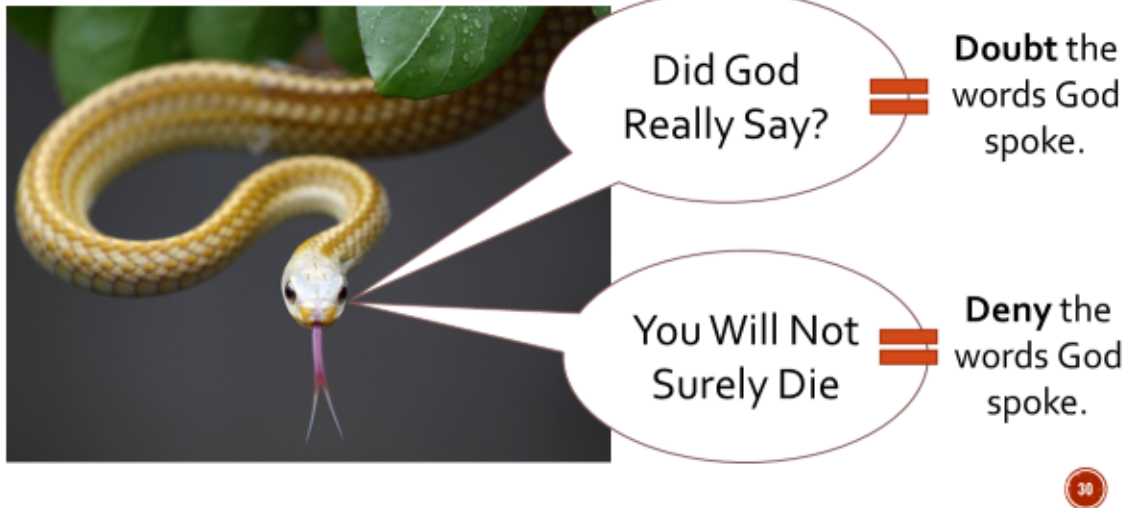
I. What is sin?

- Tonight, we will examine a few aspects of sin: What is it? Where did it come from? What are the effects of sin? And what can we do about our sin problem?

II. Summary statement for the evening:

The word of the evil one, challenges the word of God, which introduces sin & conflict met by a word of judgment & promise.

The Word of the Evil One Challenges The Word of God



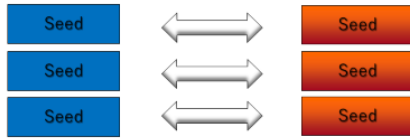
III. The consequences of their disobedience

- 1) **Loss of Relationships:** With God / With One Another / With Ourselves / With Creation
 - 2) **Loss of Rule:** This becomes evident as they lose control of the ground. Before it submissively grew abundant plants for them, but now, in rebellion, the ground only yields thorns and thistles to its "so-called master," Adam. Adam has lost the rule and now another has become the ruler, the god of this age, the prince of the power of the air (2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2).
 - 3) **Three Human Responses to Sin & The Resulting Cultural Orientations:**
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I will put enmity between thee and the woman



And between thy seed and her seed



He shall crush thy head, you will bruise his heel



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Protoevangelium – Genesis 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.”

IV. The first salvation

Summary of 3:19-21

- 3:19 News of Adam's **death**
- 3:20 Expression of **faith** in promise
- 3:21 **Covering of sin** with death of innocent substitute

- The first salvation!
- Gen 3:15 “First Gospel” or Protoevangelium

God's response in v 21 to Adam's statement

Genesis 3:21

The Lord God made garments from skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.



The lesson . . .

The death of an innocent substitute is needed to solve the problem of sin.



V. Final Takeaways:

Life Group Questions:

- Remember to open your life group with a time to “preach” to each other (a.k.a. proclaim how God has been at work in/through you this past week).
- What aspect of tonight's lesson was new, challenging, confusing, or convicting to you?
- How did tonight's lesson broaden, deepen, or expand your understanding of the term: **SIN**? Look back at the provided definition. How does this definition differ from how our culture often defines sin?
- How do we continue to experience the four consequences of sin today (broken relationship with God, others, creation, and self)?
- Satan deceived Adam and Eve by getting them to doubt God's goodness and deny God's truthfulness.
 - How does Satan use the same tactics today against us (in other words how does Satan try to get us to doubt and deny God's words)?
 - How can we combat the lies and deception of our spiritual enemy (hint: read Matthew 4:1-11)?
 - Why is it so important for us to truly believe that sin always leads to brokenness?
- Which of the four final takeaways was most impactful to you? How can practically apply that takeaway in the form of a SMART goal in your life?

7) Close by sharing prayer requests / praying as a group.