

OT Survey 5 – Jun 28, 2020 – Gen 3

Genesis 3 (ESV) - 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?’”

[1) John Piper has a helpful article: “How Did Evil Begin?” at DesiringGod.org. One clarification – God DOES use the TERM “free will,” but NEVER as so many use it today – to refer to people as ultimately self-determining. The Bible uses it to refer to offerings that were not COMMANDED by God, but that people gave because they recognized in themselves a real DESIRE to give. But even there, 1 Chron 29 makes it repeatedly clear that even this DESIRE to freely give came from God! (See especially 1 Chron 29:9-19).

2) Note that Satan immediately questions what God said, and Eve’s understanding of it.]

² 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.’ ”

⁴ 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.” *[Jesus said in Jn 8:44 that Satan is a liar and the father of lies. He told 2 lies here that he’s been using ever since: 1) Sin is not as **bad** as God said. 2) God is not as **good** as He said...He’s holding out on you.]*

James 1:13–17 (ESV) - Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and **sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.** ¹⁶ **Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.** ¹⁷ Every good gift and **every perfect gift is from above,** coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Romans 8:32 (ESV) - He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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.

[“good” in Gen 3:6 is the same Hebrew as repeatedly in Gen 1 – “God saw that it was good...very good”. The first sin is linked with PEOPLE wanting to decide what is “good,” apart from what GOD says is “good”. That’s still the basis of all sin today!]

1 Timothy 2:12–14 (ESV) - I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

1 Corinthians 15:21–22 (ESV) - 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. *[ADAM is responsible – also see Rom 5:12-17. Between Gen 3 and these NT passages, I think there are strong hints that Adam was THERE during the temptation and just remained silent.]*

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. *[Despite what Satan promised, fear and shame entered the world with sin. And ever since, people have been trying to devise their OWN covering. Thank God that HE provides a covering!]*

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. *[The fulfillment of Gen 2:17 – they died IMMEDIATELY in the most important way – spiritually. From here on, we are born “DEAD in trespasses and sins” – Eph 2:1]*

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 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. 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.” *[The first glimpse of the Gospel – the “proto-evangelium”! Even before God tells people about the curse, He tells them about the PROVISION He’s already made. Remember that Jesus is the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” – Rev 13:8]*

¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” *[VERY similar Hebrew to Gen 4:7, about dominating sin. Seems to be combative kind of language. **See very helpful FREE notes at NetBible.org. This is one of my FAVORITE RESOURCES when trusted translations have quite different takes on a verse.]***

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Genesis 4:7 (NKJV) - If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

Genesis 4:7 (ESV) - 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 contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

¹⁷ 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. 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."

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 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.