

A Tale of Two Wisdoms

Genesis 3

*"Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil." -Proverbs 3:7*

1. Important ideas from last week for chapter 3:
 - a. 2:9 Two trees in the middle of the garden (Life & Knowledge)
 - b. 2:16-17 God told Adam he may eat of any tree, except the tree of knowledge of good and bad.
 - c. 2:25 The man and his wife were naked and unashamed.
2. The serpent is described as crafty, which is a neutral word, neither good nor bad.
 - a. The serpent has some wisdom.
3. The serpent's lies (v. 4-5):
 - a. You will not surely die
 - b. You will be like God in knowledge
4. The woman's eyes (v. 6):
 - a. "It was a delight to the eyes"
 - i. The eyes become moral filters for the rest of Scripture. (Prov. 3:7)
 - b. "The eyes of both were opened"
 - i. They were naked and ashamed, unlike in Gen. 2:25.
5. The curses are given, but not before the promise of the Good News (Gen. 3:15):



Questions from March 14, 2021

Ice Breakers

1. As a kid, what were some normal or funny things you did that got you in trouble?
2. What were some normal or memorable punishments you got as a kid or gave to your kids?

Digging Deeper

3. What were the half-truth lies that the serpent told in 3:4-5? What was wrong about what he said?
4. Satan appeared out of nowhere to deceive in Genesis. Look up Revelation 20:10, what is his fate? What was he doing before this punishment (20:7-9)? What's the connection?
5. Read Proverbs 3:5-7 and Romans 6:23. These are eternal shared truths from Genesis 3. What other verses come to mind, or how would you sum up what Genesis 3 is trying to teach us as readers?
6. How would you define sin, and how do you feel towards it? Read Isaiah 59:2. How does this make you feel about sin?

Living Out

7. Are there any sins (including thoughts/attitudes that aren't good for you) in your life that you justify? What are your normal justifications?