



Shelby Christian Church

CORE 52: GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD - THE FALL

GENESIS 3, PROVERBS 16:18, JAMES 4:6, 1 JOHN 2:15-16 * 10/5/2025

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 3

Why do you think the serpent began by questioning God's command rather than directly urging Eve to disobey? What does this passage reveal about the nature of sin and temptation?

How do Adam and Eve respond after eating the fruit (vv. 7–10)? What changes do you notice in their awareness and behavior? In what ways do we see blame-shifting (vv. 11–13)? What does that suggest about human nature?

How does God's response show both judgment and mercy? (Think about the curses, the promise in v. 15, and the clothing in v. 21.) How can we grow in trusting God's Word rather than questioning or twisting it?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ PROVERBS 16:18

In biblical terms, what is pride? How is it different from healthy confidence? Why does pride so often lead to downfall? Can you think of biblical examples where this happened? What does this verse reveal about God's view of pride compared to humility? Where do you see pride or self-reliance showing up in your own life?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JAMES 4:6

What contrast does James highlight in this verse? What does it mean that God "opposes" the proud? How does God respond differently to the humble? How does "more grace" (or "greater grace") connect with the call to humility?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 1 JOHN 2:15-16

What command does John give in verse 15? What does John mean by "the world" in this passage? Why is love for the world incompatible with love for the Father? How do "lust of the flesh," "lust of the eyes," and "pride of life" describe the core ways temptation works? In what ways do you personally feel the pull of "the world" (desires, possessions, achievements, recognition, etc.)?

APPLICATION

What effects of sin do you see in our culture? Can you give any examples of Satan seducing people with half-truths rather than full-fledged lies? Where do you see similar tactics of temptation in your own life or in the world today?

How do you see pride as the underlying cause of all sin? Why should we consider simple pride as mutiny against God? How do you personally tend to justify or hide sin, like Adam and Eve did?

PRAYER