

## LESSON 4

# Genesis 3 – The Fall

*The Book of Beginnings and the Foundation of Biblical Revelation*

**MAIN IDEA: Will humanity trust God about what leads to life and what leads to death?**

## Lesson Objectives

- Recap of Genesis 1 & 2
- The Fall
- The Response
- The Curse
- After the Curse

## Teaching Overview

Genesis 3 is a pivot point. We have seen the logistics of creation and the intimacy God intends to have with man, but now we see mankind come to a crossroads where they must answer the question “Can we trust God about what leads to death and what leads to life?”

## Key Scripture Passages

**Genesis 3:1-24:** The narrative of the fall of mankind.

### 1. Recap of Genesis 1 & 2

- Genesis 1 is a very technical and logistical telling of God creating the world.
- Genesis 2 is a more personal and interactive telling of creation with more intimacy.
- **Will humanity trust God about what leads to life and what leads to death?**

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### 2. The Fall Genesis 3:1-6

- The Serpent
  - Who is the serpent and how did he get here?
- Eve
  - What did Eve do and what should she have done?
  - Eve "... has usurped God's role in determining what is 'good'". The New American Commentary Genesis 1-11 Kenneth Matthews
- Adam

- Adam's roles and responsibilities
- What did Adam do and what should she have done?
- "Adam and Eve believed that true happiness is found outside of God or away from God or around God. Somehow God is holding out on me and following His will is dull and boring" 33 Series Volume 1 Session 2

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### 3. The Response

- The awareness that they craved after the Serpent flaunted it in front of Eve was more than they could handle and they became embarrassed and ashamed.
- God's response
  - Leading back to repentance
- Adam & Eve's counter-response shifts blame

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### 4. The Curse

- The Serpent/Satan
  - Humiliation
  - Defeat
- Eve
  - Pain in childbirth

- Adam
  - Painful and arduous labor in his calling to interact with nature.

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## 5. The Promise in the Curse

- Genesis 3:15

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## 6. After The Curse

- God's actions
- Consequences for humanity
  - "The first humans lost mutual trust, mutual respect, innocence and intimacy with God and each other. Worst of all, they lost access to the presence of God in the garden." Being God's Image (P52) -Dr. Carmen Joy Imes

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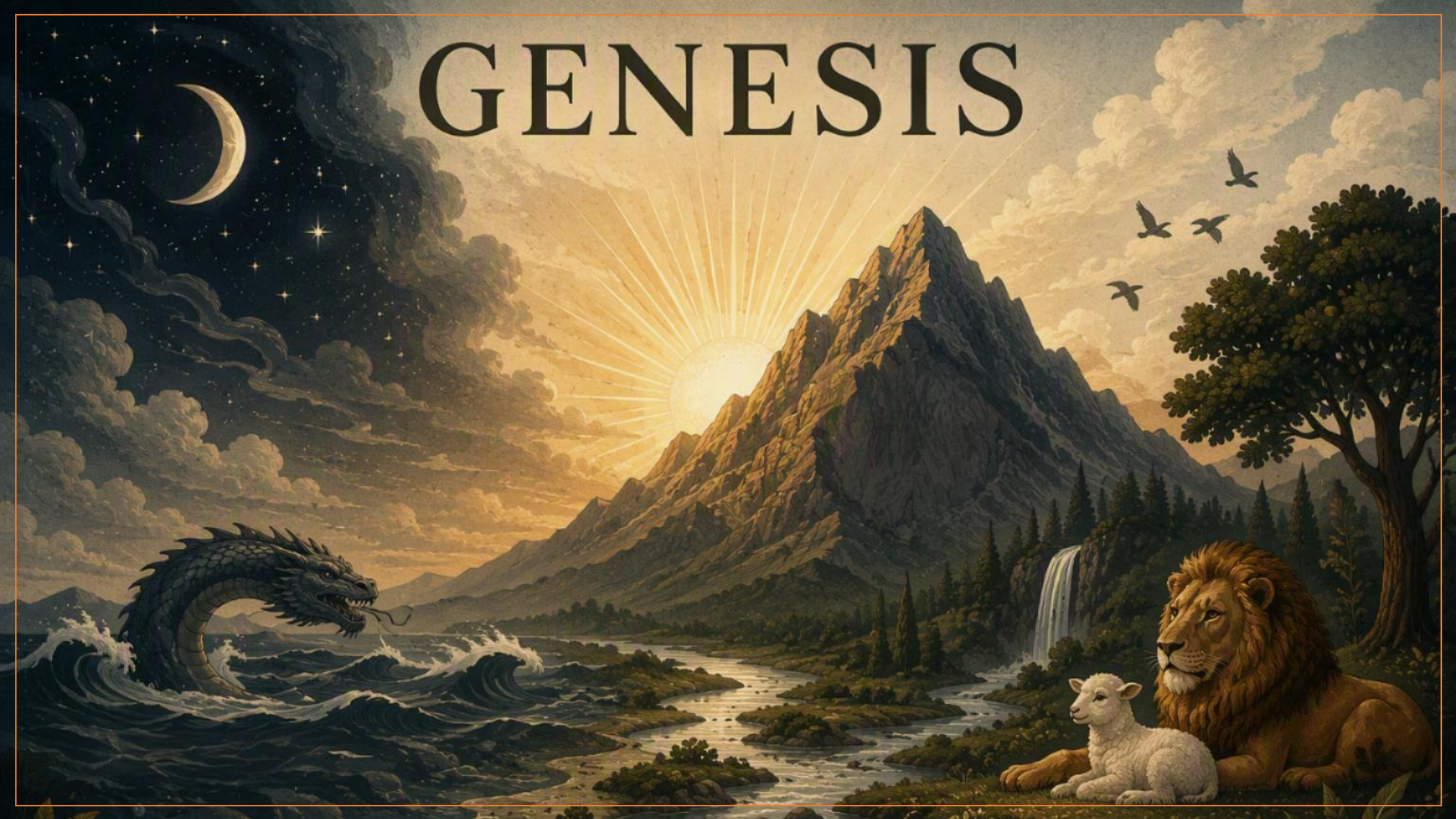
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## Resources Used in This Lesson

- Kenneth A. Mathews, Genesis 1–11:26, vol. 1A, The New American Commentary.
- Chad Bird, The Christ Key,
- Carmen Joy Imes, Being God's Image
- 33 The Series on RightNow Media from Authenticmanhood.com

# GENESIS



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# The Fall

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A study of Genesis Chapter 3

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What have we seen so far?

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**03**      **The Response**  
Genesis 3:7-12

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**04**      **Cursed**  
Genesis 3:13-19

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**05**      **After the Curse**  
Genesis 3:20-24

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# Recap

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- What differences do we see between Genesis 1 and Genesis 2?
    - Genesis 2 brings more intimacy
      - From God to Lord God (From Elohim to Yahweh Elohim)
      - God is still Creator but described more as a Craftsman
      - We see the calling of mankind and the intimacy of man with creation.
      - We see a description of the relationship between man and woman.

**“Will humanity trust God about what leads to life  
and what leads to death?”**

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# The Fall – 3:1-6

## The Serpent

- Confusing questions
- Empty promises
- Avoiding the intimacy between Lord God and humanity

## Eve

- Misquoting God
- 1 John 2:15-16
- Eve “... has usurped God’s role in determining what is ‘good’”
- How should Eve have responded?

## Adam

- Adam’s role and responsibilities in the Garden
- Adam’s passivity
- How should Adam have responded?

# The Response 3:7-12

Adam & Eve



**Shame and embarrassment**  
**Sought their own solution**  
**Ran FROM God**

God



**Seeks them out**  
**Speaks primarily to Adam**  
**Asks questions to lead to repentance**  
**Narration shifts back to Yahweh Elohim**

# The Curse 3:20-24

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## Adam

- Painful and arduous labor in his calling to interact with nature.
- Ultimately nature wins when Adam (mankind) returns to the dust from which he began.

## Eve

- Pain in childbirth.
- Fractured relationship with her husband.

## Satan/Serpent

- Humiliation
- Defeat

# The Promise

- Who is the offspring?
- Protoevangelium – The First Gospel
- How was the heel struck?
- How was the head struck?

I will put hostility between  
you and the woman,  
and between your offspring  
and her offspring.

He will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.

Genesis

3:15

# **After the Curse**

## **What are the results of the curse?**

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