

"Heavenly Father, as we gather today to study Your Word. Matthew 18:20 comes to mind "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Please grant us your wisdom so that we might understand your word.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

Genesis 3

The Fall

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

- The word subtil meaning here i think definition (insidiously clever) crafty is used in other versions and shrewd is also used in other versions.
- Why was the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil put in the garden?
- They are these two trees the only trees mentioned by name.
- Why the temptation of Adam and Eve?
- Was Man righteous?
- Could Man Adam and Eve be righteous without the temptation?
- Was Man created innocent?
- If Adam and Eve resisted the temptation would they have been righteous?
- Eve did not seem to be surprised (whatever shape he took) that there was someone other than Adam and God talking to her. She freely carried on a conversation. But so do those that are innocent.
- Why did he approach Eve and not Adam? She had less experience. She was not around when GOD said ye shall not eat.
- The Serpent speaks. The Serpent speaks here and Eve has not spoken in scripture yet.
- The serpent is questioning God's integrity.
- The serpent questions God's holiness.
- The text compares the serpent to the beast of the field. Did Eve talk to the beast of the field. The serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field so did she talk to the beast of the field to.
- Cant you eat of every tree in the garden?

Gen 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

- Eve agrees yes we can eat of the trees in the garden but.

Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Gen 2 [17](#) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

- Eve added “neither shall ye touch it”.
- God did not say anything about touching it.
- Only eating of it.
- So who added about touching it Eve at the time she told the serpent.
- Or Adam when he was telling Eve about the comandment that God had given him?

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

- You won't die.

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

- He questions God's holiness.
- He is questioning Gods integrity.
- You will know good and evil
- But lied ye shall be as gods elohiym
- LOOK AT VERSE 22
- Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil:

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- How much time passed between verse 5 and the end of verse 6?
- Adam had heard Gods warning directly and possibly did not hear the Serpent's pitch at all.
- But he did eat.
- Adam could have said sorry Eve but you know what God said about that fruit.
- Adam could have loved her and ate because he did not want to be alone again and decided to go through what ever come with her then to loose her. Its possible.
- Adam could be tempted just like Eve and ate.
- We just don't know It just does not say.

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

- They tried to hide their guilt behind man made coverings.
- They now had a conscience?

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

- They tried to hide from God. We try that sometimes.

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

- God seeks us when we hide. He will knock and we have to open the door.

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

- Woow he had never been afraid before?

Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

- Adam passed the buck on this one right back on God saying God you gave her to me.

Gen 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

- Eve blamed the serpent. The serpent tricked me.

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- Enmity *ebah* denotes a deep-seated, enduring hatred, hostility, or mutual animosity.
- Here is the first prophecy of the coming messiah.
- Is this the first mention of redemption?
- it shall bruise t lthy head” here being Christ bruise meaning crush, break overwhelm this is a real deadly wound not a fake deadly wound as in the deadly wound of revelation.
- and thou shalt bruise his heel the conflict between the serpent and the seed of the woman. head-strike vs heel-strike painful and disabling, but **non-fatal**.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

- I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. Points to both the physical pain connected with pregnancy/childbirth and the frequency/burden of childbearing in a fallen world.
- Sorrow here refers to intense physical and mental strain.
- Thy conception is also multiplied. She had many many children adding to the physical and mental strain.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

- Sorrow here is the same word as with Eve's sorrow. Sorrow here refers to intense physical and mental strain.

Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

- Not a meat eater

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- Adams' sorrow was painful labor and an exhausting struggle to just survive.
- And when Adam died he would return to the ground that he was created from.

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

- Eve was the first mother in the line that led to Christ. So in this sense she was the mother of all living and the mother of all living in Christ.

Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

- This is the first blood sacrifice for sin.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

- the tree of life so if Adam continued to eat from it he would live for ever? Not a one time shot?

Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- Cherubims 2

- What a sight this must have been to look back and see paradise spoiled with the sacrificed animals that God used to make their clothing and the fierce Cherubims and a flaming sword guarding the garden.
- But we aren't done with the tree of life. It shows back up in Revelation to return what was lost here in Genesis.

Revelation 2 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 22 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Father, thank You for Your Word. As we go out into the world this week, light our way, lead us and give us the words to speak. Help us with the courage to speak them. Help those this evening that are lost and feel hopeless touch them with your reassurance and love.

In Jesus' name, Amen."