

**The Genesis Of
All Mankind's Problems
Genesis 3**

Genesis 3 tells the story of all mankind and his relationship to God in one chapter. We learn from Genesis, God tells the whole story to those willing to seek it out!

(NKJV) Is 46:9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

(NKJV) Pr 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

**EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS LIKE ADAM IN THE GARDEN
WE MUST MAKE A CHOICE TO HONOR OR DISHONOR GOD**

- A. God has given his word for us to honor of him
 - 1. We honor him by obeying his word
(NKJV) 1 Sa 2:30 Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.
- B. Satan will use his tactics to get us to dishonor God pull us away from him
 - 1. We all have a choice to honor God or the world.
- C. There will be consequences because of our choice
 - 1. We will live or die by the choices we make
 - a. If we have honor God and his word, we will live
 - b. If we dishonor God and his word we will die
- D. We will face a Judgement of our actions
- E. Here we see
 - 1. powerlessness of man to walk in the path of righteousness when divine grace is withheld from him.
 - 2. spiritual effects of sin—man seeking to flee from God.
 - 3. the attitude of God toward the guilty sinner
 - 4. universal tendency of human nature to cover its own moral shame by a device of man's own handiwork.
 - 5. gracious provision which God has made to meet our great need.
 - 6. The stream of prophecy which runs all through the Holy Scripture
 - 7. man cannot approach God except through a mediator.
- F. We will be sentenced justly
 - 1. The **will** of God was **resisted**,
 - 2. the **word** of God was **rejected**,
 - 3. the **way** of God was **deserted**.

- G. We will be resettled according to our works
 - 1. In Heaven with God
 - 2. In Hell without God

II.

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 - a. (in what God says)
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GOD'S WORD

We Are To Honor Him By Obeying Him

WE ARE TO HONOR GOD BY OBEYING HIM!

Ge 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

ALL LIFE IS ABOUT CHOICE. THE CHOICE OF WHICH YOU WILL CHOOSE TO EAT FROM

The Tale Of Two Trees

The first tree was planted in a garden by God. The second tree, was planted in a garden by man. "And they crucified Him" (Mat. 27:35).

(NKJV) Jn 19:41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

The first tree was pleasant to the eyes. The second tree hideous and repellent. "they saw in Him no beauty that they should desire Him."

God told us not to eat of the first tree. The Second tree we are told to freely eat from. "O taste and see that the Lord is good"

The first tree we are encouraged to eat of by satan. The second tree, satan does all he can to keep us from eating of its fruit

The first tree when it was eaten of, brought sin and death. The second tree, cleanses of sin and brings eternal life.

(NKJV) Jn 6:53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

The first tree, when eaten of, caused man to be cast of Paradise. The second tree causes man to be delivered into paradise.

(NKJV) Lk 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The first tree, with its fruit, was in the midst of the garden. The second tree, with its fruit, was also in the midst.

(KJV 1900) Jn 19:18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

Both trees are of the knowledge of good and evil. Knowledge of the world and knowledge of the word.

(NKJV) 2 Pe 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

The tree was put there as a test of man's willingness to obey God. Obedience would mean blessings, Disobedience would mean curses

Adam did not have to do but one thing. Not eat of the tree. Now, because of the complexities of this fallen world, God has had to give us more instructions to live and abundant life. We will choose to follow them and live prosperously or choose otherwise and live deficiently.

**WE CAN CHOOSE TO OBEY GOD’S WORD AND LIVE PROSPEROUSLY OR
CHOOSE TO DISOBEY GOD AND LIVE DEFICIENTLY**

SATAN’S TACTICS
DISTRACTION (1)
DECEPTION (1)
DOUBT (1)
DISCONTENT (1,4-5)
DENIAL (4)
DISHONOR (5)
DISOBEDIENCE (6)

III. (NKJV) Ge 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

A. Our real enemy is Satan; he is cunning, crafty. We know this is Satan by the revelation of John. Mentioned in the beginning and in the ending!

(NKJV) Re 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

1. The serpent “was more cunning”.
 - a. Shall see distraction and deception to create doubt in the words of God
2. He challenges God’s word! He always does. He will use anything that will allow him to use it.
3. We can learn of him
(NKJV) 2 Co 2:11 for we are not ignorant of his devices.
4. His purpose is always to destroy the works of God and prevent God’s plan from coming to pass.
 - a. Great or small plans
 - (1) Corporate – as the body of Christ
 - (2) Individual – your divine potential
5. He questions what God said
 - a. Did he really mean it?
 - b. Surely, he would not be willing to withhold something good from you

B. **“Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”**

DISTRACTION “*More cunning...He Said*”

(distract from what God said)

DECEPTION “*You shall not eat*”

DOUBT “*Has God indeed said*”

1. Satan only knows God as Elohim, not Jehovah as Adam and Eve do.

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17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

Vs: You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’

To create discontent he rewords the sentence. He reverses. Satan will always have us to do opposite of what God commands.

Man has sex with man, instead of Man has sex with woman.

2. Create a distraction from what God said, of all you can eat of, think of the tree you were not told to eat of.
 - a. God gave you freely to eat. Think of the one he told you not to eat of!
3. Are you sure you heard God right?
 - a. The trouble begins with a question.
 - b. She was already doing the right thing!
4. He ignores the man saying “You”
5. Satan will always try to turn you from what is right.

(NKJV) Ga 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

- C. He goes after the woman. He knows the man is vulnerable through her. Why? Gen 2:21-23
 1. She is the glory of the man
(NKJV) 1 Co 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

IV. Ge 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may (“Freely”? Left out) eat the fruit of the (“every”? Left out) trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst (she does not name it – We refrain from calling things as God calls them – Abortion not Murder! Sex not sin! Homosexuality not abomination) of the garden, God (Not “Lord God” belittling God and her unique relationship to him) has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest (Not surly) you die.’ ”

- A. Satan’s shrewdly and craftily asks his question in a way that cannot be answered with one word. The more words she uses as a response, the more she can be trapped.
- B. She begins a dialogue with Satan. It is always bad to talk things over with the devil.
 1. Satan will always mislead you!
 2. He causes her to consider another interpretation of God’s word
- C. Where did she get not touch it? Did Adam tell her? Did she make it up?
Gen 2 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

1. We must not take away anything from what God says!
2. Rabbi's say she accidentally touched it and did not die and therefore thought the rest of the word was not true.

WE MUST NOT ADD OR TAKE AWAY ANYTHING FROM WHAT GOD SAYS!

3. Therefore, it is so very important to get your facts straight to determine the whole truth and nothing but the truth!
(NKJV) Pr 30:6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.
 - D. She also altered his words to "lest". Meaning you might die. God said "**you shall surely die.**"
 1. God's enemies today are doing the same thing: his Word is either
 - a. added to,
 - b. altered, or
 - c. flatly denied
- V. 4 Then the serpent said to the woman,(NO! Heb) "You will not surely die. (But that was a lie) 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it (1) your eyes will be opened, and (2) you will be like God, (3) knowing good and evil."**

SATAN'S TACTICS

DISTRACTION (1) from God's word

DECEPTION (1) of what God says

DOUBT (1) in what God's says

DISCONTENT (1,4-5) of what God has done

DENIAL (4) of God's Word

DISHONOR (5) of God himself

DISOBEDIENCE (6) by actions against God

1. He (1) **DISTRACTS** – Gets her to focus on fruit and not what God said
2. He (2) **DECEIVES** – he disguised himself as a serpent; things are not as nice as they look to be. He masquerades 2 Cor 11:14-15
 - a. He tells her what she will gain leaving out what it will cost her!
3. He causes (3) **DOUBT** – *Did God really say?*
4. He makes on (4) **DISCONTENT** – God has restricted you from doing what is best for you. Why not the one in the midst?
 - a. God's nature and character are impugned.
 - b. God is not good and gracious; he is selfish and deceptive, preventing you from achieving the same position as a God "Elohim" .
5. He causes (5) **DENIAL of God's word** – **You shall not die!** He always wants us not to think of the consequences of not listening to God. There is no hell. It is ok to do as you feel.

(NKJV) Ps 94:7 Yet they say, “The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand.”

8 Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise? 9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? 10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?

6. He brings (6) **DISHONOR** to God – God does not have your best interest in mind!
 - a. You need to do what is right for you! She dishonored God and she and the man then were despised by the world.
 - b. She will be like God. This is 1/2 truth she will know good from evil. She will not be God.
 - (1) This was the same thing Lucifer tried to do.
 - c. We will learn that sin loves company!
 - (1) Sinners always flock together.
 - (a) They think by their numbers it makes everything okay.
7. When God is (6) **DISHONORED** he will be (7) **DISOBEYED**.
 - a. She takes the fruit and gives some to her husband!

Remember: broad is the way to destruction.

THE STEPS TO SIN

***DISTRACTED** to*

Focusing on the Body

Focusing on the Soul

Focusing on the Physical and Ignoring the Spirit and eternity

Focusing on recruitment of others to sin

- B. Satan lied to the woman. He will always lie to us. He cannot help himself. Jesus said of him.

(NKJV) Jn 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

VI. 6 So when the woman saw (*within her mind*) that the tree was good for food, (*Body focused*) that it was pleasant to the eyes, (*Soul focused*) and a tree desirable to make one wise, (*Wisdom of the world*) she took of its fruit (*meaning she touched... Then, seeing she did not die*) and ate.

- A. She was (1) **DISTRACTED** from the word to see the tree's fruit as good
 1. Focus on fleshly appetite and its passion. Feed her body!

2. The physical here and now is more important than the spiritual and our future eternity

B.

C. Comes from the failure to know and understand God's word.

(NKJV) Ho 4:4 "Now let no man contend, or rebuke another; For your people are like those who contend with the priest. 5 Therefore you shall stumble in the day; The prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; And I will destroy your mother. 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

(NKJV) Pr 4:4 He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. 5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. 6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

D. We must be careful of the first way he attacks us. By DISTRACTION, focusing our attention to worldly physical things. He has her to focus on the tree God said not to eat and not on what God really said.

(NKJV) 1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh (Body), the lust of the eyes (Soul), and the pride of life (Physical/Natural)—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

(NKJV) Ro 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

E. She was (2) **DECEIVED!** *He told her she would not die! She believed him instead of God!*

1. We make the same mistakes! We listen to other people rather than God.
2. Unfortunately, we see ourselves in the natural rather than in the supernatural. The way God sees us.
3. We focus on the natural rather than the spiritual.

(NKJV) 2 Co 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

(NKJV) 1 Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

- F. Three ways she was **DISTRACTED & DECEIVED** by appealing to the outside to affect the inside. God works from the inside out!

**SATAN WORKS FROM THE OUTSIDE IN TO MAKE INEFFECTIVE CHANGE
GOD WORKS FROM THE INSIDE OUT TO MAKE EFFECTIVE CHANGE**

1. **Focusing on the Body's needs - Good for Food**
2. **Focusing on Soul's needs – Emotional: Pleasing to eyes, Attractive**
3. **Focusing on Natural or Physical Realm vs Spiritual – Wisdom of the World, not God**

BEWARE OF DISTRACTIONS FROM THE WORD OF GOD!

- G. Satan works from the outside in. He tried it on Jesus too!
1. To the Body: Food
(NKJV) Mt 4:3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”
 2. To the Soul: Logical Reasoning
(NKJV) Mt 4:5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, “In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.”
 3. To the Natural vs, Spirit:
(NKJV) Mt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”
- H. We must be careful of the first way he attacks us. By **DISTRACTION**, focusing our attention to worldly physical things. He has her to focus on the tree God said not to eat and not what God said. His word
(NKJV) 1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh (Body), the lust of the eyes (Soul), and the pride of life(Physical/Natural)—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- VII. She also gave to her husband with her** (*and seeing he did not die*), **and he ate.**
- A. Now she recruits her husband to sin.
 - 1. Sinners always looking for others to join in wrongdoing with them

SIN LOVES COMPANY!

- B. The man gives no consideration to what God said. She did! He did not!
 - 1. The man gave more consideration to the woman than to God.
- C. Sinners seek others to sin with them.
 - 1. Travel the road less traveled
(NKJV) Mt 7:13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

THE RESULTS

- VIII. 7 Then the eyes** (*speaking of the consciousness of man being awakened*) **of both of them were opened, and they knew** (*proof of eyes = consciousness*) **that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.**
- A. Their eyes are open. They realize they have done wrong. and now they are ashamed.
 - B. ***They will gain wisdom and get death for it!***

TO GAIN WISDOM IN THE WORLD, ADAM AND EVE GAVE THEIR LIVES IN EXCHANGE FOR IT?

A GOOD DEAL?

- 1. We also run after the wisdom of the world
- 2. The distractions of the world keep the word from being productive in our hearts
- C. They should have been willing to acknowledge they had done wrong. But no! They try to hide what they have done by covering it up.
(NKJV) 1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- D. They now have what they wanted. They have the knowledge of evil and the knowledge of good. They know they have done wrong!
 - 1. This is the reason terrible things happen to good people.
 - a. That's how we know evil. If bad things only happen to bad people, we would call that justice.

- b. But when bad things happen to good people, we call that injustice. That is evil.
- E. By making their own clothes, they are saying they don't need God to protect them.
 - 1. We do the same. instead of looking to God we do things our way!
- F. Now, they are exposed. The concept of naked means subject to all nature can throw at them. They have no more guard. The armor of God is no longer available to them.
- G. They acquire knowledge they were naked!
 - 1. They see it as wrong whereas before it was not.
- H. Sin always exposes itself. Something inside lets us know we are wrong.

(NKJV) Nu 32:23 But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

SIN WILL ALWAYS BE EXPOSED SOONER OR LATER

- 1. They try to hid the awareness of their nakedness - **they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.**
 - a. We try to hide our sin from God
- I. If we continue we harden our hearts and continue to sin, we will face severe consequences including complete destruction.

(NKJV) Le 26:13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.

14 'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, 15 and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, 16 I also will do this to you:

I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you. 18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.

21 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins. 22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy

your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.

23 ‘And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me, 24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.

27 ‘And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, 28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. 30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. 31 I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.

THE JUDGEMENT

- 1. They were Judged By The Word of God.**
- 2. The Words he spoke to them**
 - a. Where are You?**
 - b. Who have you been listening to?**
 - c. What are your works?**

BEWARE THERE WILL BE A JUDGEMENT

IX. 8 And they heard the sound (*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 among the trees of the garden.

A. They heard the word of God (the sound)

- 1. It was in the cool of the day. Obviously, a calm voice**
- 2. God was not angry.**

(NKJV) 1 Ch 16:33 Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth. 34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

B. But they no longer want to be in the presence of the Lord

1. People stop coming to church
2. Failure to read the bible
3. Avoiding the truth of God's word
4. Getting caught up in the things of the world
5. No longer having the pleasure, they once had in the Lord. They lose their first love.
 - a. They see others at fault. Not themselves!

X. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

- A. God came seeking the man. God is always in search of man.
- B. It is as if God, with hurt in his heart, is looking for the man and is crying with tears in his eyes "Where are you?"
 1. Imagine God's hurt. After all the wonderful things he has given the man. The man turns on Him and rejects him.
 2. Jesus said
(NKJV) Re 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

GOD IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A MAN TO SERVE HIM

3. God has and will always be, until the end, looking for man.
(NKJV) 2 Ch 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."
- C. He is looking for you today. Are you hiding too?
 1. It was not Adam who sought God, but God that sought Adam.
 2. It was God who sought out and called Abram while yet an idolater.
 3. It was God who sought Jacob at Bethel when he was fleeing from the consequences of his wrong doing.
 4. It was God who sought out Moses while a fugitive in Midian.
 5. It was Christ who sought out the apostles while they were engaged in fishing, so that He could say, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you."
 6. It was Christ who came to seek and to save that which was lost.
 7. It is the Shepherd who seeks the sheep, and not the sheep that seek the Shepherd.
 8. How true it is that "We love Him because He first loved us."
- D. God knew where he was but he lets us sin and will not force us to return to him. **Where are you?**
 1. Adam had to respond to the call to God
 2. We can sin all we want and go astray. God will wait until we recognize we can't make it without him!
(NKJV) 2 Ch 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their

wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

3. Sin causes us to separate ourselves from God. We become ashamed of ourselves at first and then later we become hardened.
4. It was not man looking for God. It was God looking for man. So it is still today. We do not normally look for God.

(NKJV) Ro 3:11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

- E. God is calling out today to all of us, "Where are you?"
1. I want to be in your presence
 2. Are you hiding from me?
 3. God is looking for everyone of us today! Where are you? My brother? My sister?

XI. 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

- A. He knew the voice of God and hid himself from it.

SIN MAKES US FEARFUL OF GOD

- B. Because we hide ourselves from God, one day he will hide himself from us and will not be found by us.
- C. Sin gives us reason to be afraid! Something within us makes us fearful. Our system knows we are against God!
1. Then, we will try to gather others around us to make us feel comfortable.
 - a. She gave some to her husband.
- D. Because we have Christ, we do not have to be afraid.
- E. Many run from the voice of the Word of God today.
1. Rather have good music
 2. Concerts of the Choir
 3. Soothing messages of a Pastor, but not the sound of voice of God.
- F.

XII. 11 And He said, "Who told YOU that you were naked? Have YOU eaten from the tree of which I commanded YOU that you should not eat?"

- A. Who have you been listening to?

BE CAREFUL WHO YOU LISTEN TO! THEY CAN CONTROL YOUR LIFE

(NKJV) Lk 8:18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

1. Make sure you're getting godly wisdom from whomever you listen to.
2. The media will lie to you! Stay in church!

(NKJV) Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all

once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- B. God gives him a chance to answer truthfully. "Have you eaten from the tree?"
- C. This is also how God will call us into account.
 - 1. What did we focus on while we were in the world?
 - a. His Word or the World?
 - b. Have we done what he wants? Or what we want like Adam and Eve?
 - 2. Who are you listening to today?
 - a. A best Friend
 - b. A political party
 - c. Your family
 - d. Your emotions, thoughts, your body?
- D. What did Abraham have to do to hear from God?

XIII. 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

- A. He refuses to accept any responsibility for his actions

LOOK AT YOURSELF FIRST BEFORE PLACING ANY BLAME ON OTHERS

- 1. He blames God first, for giving him the woman!
- 2. He passes the buck. Why do we always want to point out another's faults and ignore ours?

THE WAY YOU JUDGE OTHERS IS THE WAY GOD WILL JUDGE YOU

3.

XIV. 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this YOU have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- A. God gives Eve the opportunity to come clean.
- B. She passes the buck to the serpent but admits she was deceived!
 - 1. Did she have any reason to be deceived?
- C. She refuses to accept responsibility for her actions. If he had not deceived me, but what did he deceive her about? She knew what God said!
- D. Now comes the sentencing for the disobedience to God!

THE SENTENCING –
to all involved.

The part nobody wants to know about.
You could've sentenced them all to hell,
just like he did the Angels
but his love was so great!

XV. 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity (*Hostility*) Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." (*For generations!*)

A. Ge 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.

1. Now God says: **You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field.**

2. To him much given much is expected.

B. The serpent now, has to pay the penalty of allowing satan to use him as his messenger. Since this happened, all other animals know better to die, than allow satan to use them. Remember the pigs?

(NKJV) Mt 8:31 So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." 32 And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

1. So unfortunate, for many of us, pigs have a better sense than us!

C. He is cursed to be on his belly and eat dust! Also the reason most of us, as humans dislike them.

D. Enmity – Conflict between evil and good at the root of all issues! Especially between the children of the light and children of the darkness. Between Satan and Christ!

E. Before God punishes Adam and Eve, he gives them the promise of hope! **I will put enmity (*Hostility*) Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." (*For generations!*)**

F. Evil will create bruises, but evil will be destroyed. The prophetic word until the end of mankind. The warfare!

1. His Seed and Her Seed. A single person as well as their followers.

a. The Anti-Christ and Christ

b. Children of darkness and the Children of the light

c. The lost and the saved

d. Sinners versus Saints

(NKJV) Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- G. Her Seed? Women have no seed! Speaking to the miraculous birth of Christ by the Holy Spirit!
 - 1. God defines his plan to Adam and Eve!
- H. **“He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”**
(NKJV) **Is 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

I.

XVI. 16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And (*but*) he shall rule over you.”

- A. **Sorrow** – The challenges women face. Hurting women
 - 1. **Sorrow is the result of sin!**
- B. Pain in childbirth. The thing that brings her joy.
 - 1. It shall be likewise to the man, the thing that brings him joy, can also bring him pain.
- C. **Desire** to equality and perhaps to rule over the husband
(NKJV) **Ge 4:7 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.”**

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- D. Man becomes the head of most everything because she was deceived and did not willfully sin but he will be punished more.
 - 1. He allowed this rebellion to occur and now they will be rebellion and conflict in his house.

XVII. 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, (*not my voice*) (*he knew what he was doing*) and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

**“Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread (Struggle)
Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”**

- A. You’ve blamed your wife and because you listen to her this is what will happen to you...
- B. Adam is the last to be sentenced but gets the longest sentence

**SIN BRINGS TEMPORARY PLEASURE WITH LASTING PAIN,
SHORT HAPPINESS WITH LONGTIME SORROW,
IMAGINARY BLESSINGS WITH REAL BURDENS**

- 1. Replacing
 - a. Pleasure with pain
 - b. Happiness with sorrow

- c. Blessing with burden
- 2. Sin can bring pleasure but it will not last long. What will last is the sorrow because of the sin
- 3. Sin can make some beautiful promises, but instead brings only punishment.
- 4. Sin will replace happiness with heartache
- C. He should not have listened to his wife. He should have listened to God
 - 1. How many men have turned away from God because of a woman?
 - a. Adam
 - b. Sampson
 - c. David
 - d. Solomon
 - e. Herod
- D. Cursed now is the ground. Now real work (Toil) is required. There is no free ride. The ground will give you hell!
- E. Trouble trying to live! The world will reject you because you have brought harm to it
- F. Sweat! Hard labor as the woman has labor in childbirth, yours will be all your life!
- G. Satan had said **“You will not surely die”**, but God said **“Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”**
 - 1. Last I checked, people are still dying
 - 2. Proving:
(NKJV) Jn 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

THE SKINS
THE SACRIFICE
THE SUBSTITUTION
THE SUPPLYING

XVIII. 20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- A. Now God must **SACRIFICE** an animal to cover them. Premature death enters the world.
 - 1. Christ was sacrificed for us!
(NKJV) Heb 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.
- B. The animal was the **SUBSTITUTE** for Adam and Eve
 - 1. Christ was the substitute for our death
(NKJV) 2 Co 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- C. God **SUPPLIED** the skins
 - 1. God **SUPPLIED** us Christ

(NKJV) Ge 22:8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

(NKJV) Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(NKJV) Is 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

THE RESETTLEMENT

XIX. 22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

XX. 24 So He *drove out the man*; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

FOR EVERY LIFE THERE WILL EITHER BE AN EVICTION OR AN ELEVATION

- A. Man does become like God, but not God. He was like one of them knowing good and evil.
 - 1. He must be **EVICTED** out of the garden
- B. *drove out the man*; This implies Adam was not willing to go!
- C. *Sin removes you from your place of prominence!*
- D. He would now deal with a cursed ground. Sin makes things hard for us
- E. God puts up a guard! Keeping man out of Eden.