

ADAM'S SIN AND CHRIST'S VICTORY - Genesis 3

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We're looking at truths from Genesis, ones we need to believe and apply to our lives, and if we don't, then we will have major problems in our lives, in our churches, and in our country too. I really believe we're at a most critical time in our country, the most difficult time since the civil war, and it relates to these 3 spiritual facts:

#1, our country is greatly sinning;

#2, God has given the devil more rein, more freedom to do his wicked deeds;

#3, God is severely judging our country because of her sin. 2 Chr. 15:16, Rom. 1:18

What Gen. 1-2 tells us is that God made this world and mankind, and He made humans as male and female, and He made us in His image, and we're to populate this earth, and we're to work, and do the work God wants us to do. Now during this time talked about in Gen. 1-2, there was no sin at all, and it was a perfect world, and Adam and Eve were perfect and were walking with God. But in Gen. 3, we see that everything in the whole world changes, and dramatically so.

Gen. 2:17. Here the truth of sin is introduced. Adam and Eve were commanded by God to not eat from this one tree. And the consequences if they disobeyed, the effect of sin, is death. And this death means physical death, and spiritual death, a separation from God. - Gen. 3:1-8. This serpent is the devil in disguise, and he was crafty, sneaky, and evil. And he lies to Eve in two ways: 1st, he tells her that she won't die if she eats the fruit. 2nd, he tells her that she will be like God if she eats the fruit.

Then we see how Eve was specifically tempted – *“the tree was good for food... it was a delight to the eyes... and the tree was desirable to make one wise.”* And this is what we read in 1 John 2:15 – *“the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life.”* Eve was tempted in three ways - by her flesh, by her eyes, and by her pride, and she gave in to her temptation and sinned against God. And this was the first sin, and the result of this was catastrophic, was global, and has profoundly affected our world since that time.

Let me summarize what Gen. 3 tells us:

1. Adam sins too, and so we say that Adam and Eve sinned, that both of them sinned.
2. Because of their sin, they weren't walking with God, they were spiritually separated from God, and they were afraid of God and tried to hide from Him.
3. Adam blames Eve for his sin, and Eve blames the devil for her sin. And these are the 1st examples of blame-shifting, which is very common in the world. When we do something wrong, we often try to shift the blame, the fault to some other person, or some other thing. And as people we need to admit our own sin, confess our own sin, and not blame-shift.

4. The sin of Adam and Eve was passed on to the whole world. Because of their sin, every person after them was born a sinner. It's what some churches call original sin. Rom. 5:12 - *"Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."* Rom. 5:19 - *"Through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners."* Psalm 51:5 - *"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."*

This means that all people sin and are guilty and condemned because of their sin. Rom. 5:18 - *"Through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men."*
- Now Rom. 3:5-6 tells us that God must judge the world, that is, every sinner in the world, and that He must pour out His wrath on them. Again, this means that all people are sinners, all people are guilty, all people need to be judged for their sin, and all people deserve to be punished for their sin against the holy God.

5. The sin of Adam and Eve resulted in Satan taking control of the world. Up until they sinned, Adam and Eve ruled the world, but once they sinned, they forfeited that rule to the devil himself. And the devil has been ruling this world ever since. John 12:31 calls the devil *"the ruler of this world."* Eph. 2:2 says he's the *"prince of the power of the air."* 1 John 5:19 says, *"the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."* And Eph. 6:10-12 describes our struggle against the devil and his demons, against the *"world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness."*

6. We now live in an evil age, and that's because this world is filled with people who sin - from the time they're born until the time they die. And it's also an evil age because the world is ruled by the devil himself. Sadly, this world is the devil's domain, his home. Throughout history, we've seen how evil this world is. God's word gives hundreds of stories of man's sin, and how the world has been disastrously affected by his sin, and how God judged people and families and cities and countries because of their sin.
- Gen. 4 describes the next sin, that Cain murdered Abel. Gen. 6 talks about how the whole world was sinning greatly against God, and so God judged them by bringing a flood that destroyed everyone in the world except Noah and his family. And Gen. 19 tells us that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sin, their wickedness.

This evil age that started with the sin of Adam and Eve and Satan's takeover of the world, continues on today. And so don't be surprised by the evil we see in this world, the wickedness of people, the sin seen in individuals, and all over this country. And all this sin and evil and wickedness is going to get worse and worse in this country and all over the world, and then Christ will return to rapture the church. Matt. 24:12 - *"lawlessness is increased."*

7. Genesis 3 talks about the curse that's upon this whole world because of sin. We read that work is hard, that women have pain in childbirth, and that man and woman struggle in their relationship, and specifically, that the woman wants to rule over the man. And it says that there will be thorns and thistles, that is, weeds. Rom. 8:18-23

8. As people, we can't make this world a better place, and we can't make ourselves better. For example, you can't stop storms, you can't stop thunderstorms, hurricanes, or tornadoes. You can't keep weeds from growing. And an unbeliever can't keep himself from sinning, for that is just the way he is. Rom. 3:10, 23 – *“There is none righteous, not even one.”* I'm not saying people can't have some amount of control over their lives, and can't at all better themselves in their abilities. And God wants parents to train their children to do what is right. And God does ordain the government to punish those who do evil.

But the point is that we live in an evil age, for people are born sinners, and are spiritually dead because of their sin, and this physical world is cursed because of man's sin, and the devil is now at this time ruling this world. That's the way it is. Eph. 2:1-2
- This helps to explain why this country and this world have problems. It goes back to man's sin, to his rejection of God, and specifically to the sin of Adam and Eve.

9. Adam and Eve realized they had done wrong - for the first time they were afraid of God. And it says, *“they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.”*
- This is a picture of man's religion, of man's way to get right with God. Throughout history mankind has come up with all kinds of religions, all kinds of rituals, all kinds of ways to get right with God. But none of them work, none of them enable a person to be able to have a relationship with God. And that's because none of them get to the root problem, to the real reason for their problems, which is sin.

10. And so what is the answer to man's sin? God gives the answer.

- Gen. 3:15. God is telling the devil what is going to happen, and He is predicting the future, which shows that God is God and that He is completely in charge. And God tells the devil and us three things that will happen:

1. There's this enmity, this struggle between the devil and the woman, but more so, between her seed, her descendants, and the devil's seed, that is, the demons, and evil people, his evil workers on earth. And so we see that unbelievers, influenced and led by the devil himself, will have this ongoing struggle with the believers, ones influenced and led by God.

- Eph. 6:10-12 talks about this struggle, and Rev. 11-20 also talk about it, and specifically what will happen in the end-times, and how the devil will continually be defeated.

2. It says, *“He shall bruise you on the head”*, and this is a head blow which means that Jesus Christ, the seed, the descendant of the woman, will completely defeat the devil.

3. It says, *“You shall bruise Him on the heel,”* and this is a bruise on the heel, meaning that the devil will cause Jesus to suffer, but it is minor, for Jesus is the winner, the victor in this fight, this struggle between God and the devil, between good and evil.

And so this phrase, "*He shall bruise you on the head*", is telling us that Christ defeats Satan, and therefore, the devil will no longer have control over this earth.
- Colossians 2:13-15. Satan was defeated by Christ when He died on the cross 2000 years ago, but the outworking of His victory is being seen during this church age. After this church age, Satan will be locked up for 1000 years, during the millennial kingdom, and at the end of that time, he will be cast into the lake of fire, and finally, he will be gone forever, and greatly punished forever.

And the fact that Christ was bruised on the heel means that He had to suffer, and we know that He suffered and died to pay for our sins. And the Old Testament is filled with verses predicting and showing us that Christ is coming to save us from our sins. Isaiah 53:5-6

- Then we come to the New Testament, and it's the gospels, four biographies of Jesus Christ that tell us all about Him, His perfect life on earth, His demonstration that He was and is God, and how He died on the cross, and paid for all the sins of all the people who would repent of their sins and believe in Him.

Romans 3:21-26. These are some of my favorite vss. about the gospel:

1. It says that God is righteous.
2. All people are sinners and are spiritually separated from God.
3. People can be justified, made righteous, that is, completely holy in God's sight.
4. Being justified, being made righteous, is not what we deserve, or can work for, or can earn, but rather it is a gift from God – it is totally by God's grace.
5. It's through Jesus Christ, God's son, that we can be made righteous. Rom. 5:8
When Christ died on the cross, it was then that He paid for our sins, it was then that God punished His Son for our sins so we wouldn't have to be punished.
- That is, Christ was our substitute, took our place, and was punished for us.
6. God was totally and eternally satisfied by what Christ did for us. This is propitiation, that our sins were atoned for, that God is satisfied by Christ's work on the cross.
7. It is by faith that we are saved, are justified, are made righteous, are forgiven of all our sins. And faith means we are trusting completely in what Christ did for us. We are not trusting ourselves, but Christ alone. Song
8. God and Christ get all the credit, all the glory, and we are to boast in Them, we are to worship and love Them for what they did for us.
- Titus 3:3-7