

I. Introduction to Genesis 3

Contextual Background

Overview of Genesis 1-2 an Introduction of creation and relationship with God

The shift in Genesis 3: The origin of sin

- II. The Temptation and Fall of Man (Genesis 3:1-7)
 - A. The Serpent's Deception (Genesis 3:1-5)
 - 1. Nature of the Serpent
 - a. Ezekiel 28:13-19 Satan's presence in Eden
 - b. Isaiah 51:9 The serpent's characteristics
 - c. Revelation 12:9; 20:2 Satan as the ancient serpent



2. The Serpent's Strategy

- a. Casting doubt on God's Word (Genesis 3:1)
- b. Twisting God's command (Genesis 3:4-5)
- c. 2 Corinthians 11:3 Paul's reference to Eve's deception

B. The Woman's Response (Genesis 3:6)

- 1. The Threefold Temptation
 - a. Good for food: Lust of the flesh
 - b. Delight to the eyes: Lust of the eyes
 - c. Desirable to make one wise: Pride of life
 - d. 1 John 2:16** The three elements of sin
 - e. Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus' temptation parallels



- C. Adam's Involvement (Genesis 3:6b-7)
 - 1. Eve gives the fruit to Adam, and he eats
 - a. Romans 5:12-14 Adam as the representative of humanity's fall
 - b. 1 Timothy 2:14 Eve deceived, Adam willfully rebelled
- III. The Consequences of Sin (Genesis 3:8-19)
 - A. Immediate Realization and Fear (Genesis 3:8-10)
 - 1. Awareness of nakedness (Genesis 3:7)
 - a. The attempt to cover themselves with fig leaves
 - b. Revelation 3:18 The clothing of spiritual nakedness



- 2. Hiding from God (Genesis 3:8-10)
 - a. Psalm 139:1-12 God's omnipresence and man's futile hiding
- B. God's Confrontation (Genesis 3:11-13)
 - 1. Adam's Blame (Genesis 3:12)
 - a. Pointing to Eve and implicitly to God
 - 2. Eve's Blame (Genesis 3:13)
 - a. Pointing to the serpent
 - b. James 1:14-15 Desire leads to sin and death



- C. The Pronouncement of Judgment (Genesis 3:14-19)
 - 1. The Serpent's Curse (Genesis 3:14-15)
 - a. Enmity between serpent and woman's seed
 - b. The protoevangelium (first gospel announcement)
 - c. Romans 16:20 The crushing of Satan under Christ's feet
 - 2. The Woman's Consequence (Genesis 3:16)
 - a. Pain in childbirth
 - b. Relationship dynamics (desire for husband, he rules over her)
 - c. 1 Timothy 2:15 Women preserved through childbearing



- 3. The Man's Consequence (Genesis 3:17-19)
 - a. Cursed ground, toil and labor, return to dust
 - b. Romans 5:18-19 Consequences of Adam's disobedience
- IV. God's Mercy Amid Judgment (Genesis 3:20-24)
 - A. Naming of Eve (Genesis 3:20)
 - 1. Adam names his wife Eve, mother of all living
 - a. Significance of the name in light of the promise
 - b. Genesis 5:2 Naming as part of Adam's role



- B. Provision of Garments (Genesis 3:21)
 - 1. God clothes Adam and Eve with animal skins
 - a. Signifying the first blood sacrifice
 - b. Hebrews 9:22 Without the shedding of blood, no forgiveness
- C. Expulsion from the Garden (Genesis 3:22-24)
 - 1. Preventing access to the Tree of Life
 - a. Revelation 22:2 Restoration of access to the Tree of Life in the New Jerusalem
 - 2. Placing cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the way
 - a. Exodus 25:10-22 Cherubim in theTabernacle: a place where man meets God



V. Summary and Application

A. Recognize the Seriousness of Sin

Personal reflection on Romans 3:23 and 6:23

B. Embrace God's Provision for Sin

Faith in Jesus Christ as presented in 2 Corinthians 5:21

C. Live in Reliance on God's Covering and Grace

Daily putting on spiritual armor as in Ephesians 6:10-18

The importance of fellowship and obedience to God's Word