

## Genesis 3 – PERILS IN PARADISE

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**Ecc 1:9** That which has been *is* what will be, That which *is* done is what will be done, And *there is* nothing new under the sun.

There is nothing new under the sun. Everything and every situation, every sin, everything has been here before. It may be packaged differently, but at its root it is the same.

Turn in your Bibles with me to Genesis chapter 3.

The third chapter of Genesis is the pivotal point of primeval history. The reason for the difference in the way things are now versus how they were back then is described in detail here. When we look at a sunset, a mountain landscape, or a blue sky, as beautiful as they may be, we must remember that what we are seeing is cursed. We cannot totally fathom what things were like before the flood, much less before the fall. We literally don't know any better. Everything God saw then was good. That can't be said of our world today. Everything longs for a restoration to pre-fall conditions.

**Romans 8:22 ( KJV )** <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. .

Let's read Genesis chapter 3.

**Gen 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?"

**Gen 3:2** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

**Gen 3:3** but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

**Gen 3:4** Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

**Gen 3:5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Did God really say that? The Word questioned.

No, He said this. The Word distorted/ misquoted by Eve and the serpent. Eve went beyond what God said. The serpent denied what God said.

verse 4: The Bible isn't right. God just doesn't want you to enjoy things. He doesn't want you to have fun.

God is holding out on you. (like your parents, teachers and coaches)

There is nothing new under the sun. The tactics are the same today.

Look back at verse 6.

**Gen 3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Three reasons are listed for Eve wanting to eat the fruit:

1. It was good for food.

2. It was pleasant to the eyes.

3. It would make one wise.

These aren't arbitrary reasons for wanting the fruit. In fact they are **all** of the reasons one would want the fruit.

**1Jn 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.

**1Jn 2:16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

1. It was good for food. lust of the flesh (example)

2. It was pleasant to the eyes. lust of the eyes (example)

3. It would make one wise. pride of life (example, power, other folks will see me!)

Eve expressed her desire for the things of this world. Her temptation was just like what we face today. We follow our bellies, our eyes, and our pride. Anything that tempts us today falls into at least one of these categories. Eve took the bait and partook of the fruit, she then gave it to Adam and he ate also.

There is nothing new under the sun.

We see the results of sin in verses 7- 8.

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

**Gen 3:8** And they heard the sound 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.

**Rom 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

They got what they thought they wanted, and then realized they didn't get what they thought they were going to get.

Have y'all ever had that happen? (class reunion)

Their eyes weren't opened to godhood, they were opened to sin and shame.

The promise was empty. (example?) "crossroads"

The next effect of sin, they ran from God. They made themselves clothing from fig leaves.

How many of you have ever played in a fig tree?

They tried to cover their own sins. self-righteousness. We can't do that. Only the blood of Jesus can cover our sins.

**Isa 59:2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God;

Yet, the NT says:

**Rom 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**Rom 8:38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

**Rom 8:39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

They ran from God because of their shame. In their sin they had forgotten the very character of God. They used to walk with Him in the garden every afternoon, now they are running from Him.

They ran FROM God , but they and we should run to God in our sins.

There is nothing new under the sun.

Now God comes walking through the garden.

**Gen 3:8** And they heard the sound 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.

**Gen 3:9** Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

**Gen 3:10** So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

**Gen 3:11** 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?"

**Gen 3:12** Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

**Gen 3:13** And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

God starts asking questions. Why?

- To give us the chance to repent.
- So that we can work through it.

He does the same thing for us.

In verses 14-19 God hands out the punishment. It could very well have been different had they repented.

Taking responsibility for our actions.

***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  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.”***

***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 he shall rule over you.”***

***17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the  
voice of your wife, 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***

***Till you return to the ground,  
For out of it you were taken;  
For dust you are,  
And to dust you shall return.”***

***20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.***

- Serpent's concussion
- Dying ye shall die
- Eve's labor pains and the desire for her husband (submission to husband)
- Adam's work becomes toil. (He has pain at work) His career becomes a job.

### **God steps in.**

**Gen 3:21** Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Hebrews says that there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood.

**Gen 3:22** 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"—

**Gen 3:23** therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

**Gen 3:24** 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.

God doesn't want, nor does He intend for us to live in our sins.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins.

- Get to know the Word of God
- Stand on the Word of God.
- Don't be driven by the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes or the pride of life.
- Walk in the Spirit that you don't fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- Run to God in your troubles, not away from Him.
- Take responsibility for your actions. Man up!
- Know that you may hide your sin from others, but not from God.
- Only the blood of Jesus can make us clean.
- Know that God loves you and wants a relationship with you worse than you want it.

He wants to walk daily with you.