**Walk Through the Bible**

**Lesson Number Three**

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Last week we reviewed how God created heaven and earth long before He created Adam. The earth was destroyed, completely, then the Holy Spirit began to move across the face of the earth. In Genesis chapters one and two, we see the “re-construction” of the earth and the creation of all living things in six days.

Much of chapter two is a recap of what Jesus had just done on the six days

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We are told how God created Adam, then He made a garden for Adam to live in.

We do not know just how long it was from Adam’s creation to the time God put him in the garden.

After that God created Eve from one of Adam’s ribs.

**Genesis 2:18, 21 – 25**

18Then the Lord God said, “It is **not good for the man to be alone**. I will make a helper who is **just right for him**.”

21So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. 22Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. 23“At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’” 24This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. **25Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.**

**Today we see how “the fall” came.**

**Genesis 3:1-8 (NLT)**
1 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, **“Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”**

2“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. 3“It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

4**“You won’t die!”** the serpent replied to the woman. 5“God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and **you will be like God**, knowing both good and evil.”

6The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, **who was with her**, and he ate it, too. 7At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

**1 Timothy 2:14 (KJV)**
14  And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Adam knew full well what he was doing was wrong. He should have **stopped this whole thing.**

**How many men DO NOT TAKE THEIR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IN THEIR HOME?**

**1 Timothy 2:14-15 (GW)**
14  Besides that, Adam was not deceived. It was the woman who was deceived and sinned. 15  However, she {and all women} will be saved through the birth of the child, **if they lead respectable lives in faith, love, and holiness.**

**ALL OF GOD’S PROMISES ARE CONDITIONAL**

# Romans 10:9 (KJV) If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

# Romans 10:13 (KJV)

# 13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Mark 11:23-24 (KJV)**
23  For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall **not doubt** in his heart, but shall **believe** that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**.
24  Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, **believe** that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

The serpent in Genesis chapter 3 is **NOT Satan**.

* 1. He was a **literal snake**
	2. He was NOT possessed by Satan
		1. Angels cannot possess anyone.
		2. They are physical beings.
	3. The same Hebrew word for serpent or snake is “nachash”
		1. It is translated “serpent” or “snake” throughout the Bible.
	4. The first sin we see in this restored earth started with this snake being used as a **tool of the devil**.
	5. Sin is NOT a tangible thing, its actions are though.
		+ 1. Every one of us is tempted in this life.
			2. What do you do with that temptation?
			3. Sin starts in the mind
				1. Sin of “COMMISSION”
				2. Sin of “OMISSION”
		1. “You KNOW when you are going to sin,” Vince Manna

**James 1:14-15 (GW)**
14  Everyone is tempted by his own desires as they lure him away and trap him. 15  Then desire becomes pregnant and gives birth to sin. When sin grows up, it gives birth to death.

Everyone is tempted. When we **act on that temptation**, that is when it becomes sin.

**You can’t stop the birds from flying over your head but you can sure keep the birds from building nests in your hair!**

The serpent told Eve that

1. Her eyes would be open
2. That she and Adam would become “as gods”.

When a man has all the money he will ever need, then he begins to seek power. “Absolute power corrupts absolutely!”

**Temptations ALWAYS come through**

1. Lust of the flesh
2. Lust of the eyes
3. The pride of life

Eve was deceived. Adam was not. Adam was right there with her while the serpent was lying to her.

**Genesis 3:9-24 (NLT)**

8When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. 9Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

10He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

11“Who told you that you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”

12The man replied, “**It was the woman you gave me** who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”

13Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?”

“The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

**God wants us to enjoy this life and the things in it, AS LONG AS WE PUT HIM FIRST!**

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV)**

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**1 John 2:15-17 (GW)**
15  Don't love the world and what it offers. Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them.
16  Not everything that the world offers—physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles—comes from the Father. It comes from the world, and
17  the world and its evil desires are passing away. But the person who does what God wants lives forever.

**Psalm 37:4 (NLT)**

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.

**What About Their Nakedness?**

*They knew before mentally, but now by experience. They lost God-consciousness and gained self-consciousness.* ***They lost the power to do good and gained the power to do evil.*** *Instead of becoming like God they became unlike Him, in that He has power to do only good. It is morally impossible for Him to sin.* ***Adam lost that glorious sinlessness and innocence.***Dake's Annotated Reference Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized or King James Version Text.

Adam and Eve ran away from God and tried to hide.

**How many of you have tried to RUN from God?**

**Psalm 139:7-12 (GW)**
7  Where can I go {to get away} from your Spirit? Where can I run {to get away} from you?
8  If I go up to heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in hell, you are there.
9  If I climb upward on the rays of the morning sun {or} land on the most distant shore of the sea where the sun sets,
10  even there your hand would guide me and your right hand would hold on to me.
11  If I say, “Let the darkness hide me and let the light around me turn into night,”
12  even the darkness is not too dark for you. Night is as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same {to you}.

**Sin destroys our confidence before God.**

**Proverbs 28:13 (KJV)**
13  He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

**Genesis 3:14 – 24 Curses brought about because of sin**

14Then the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. 15And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” 16Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.” 17And to the man he said,

“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. 18It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. 19By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.” 20Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. 21And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. 22Then the Lord God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!” 23So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. 24After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Adam and Eve “died” that day in the garden where they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

* They were separated from God
* “Death NEVER means a “cessation of existence.”
* Death means, “separation.”

**Physical Death** – Our spirit and soul are separated from the body. Our body, immediately begins to decompose.

**Spiritual Death** – Our spirit and soul are separated from God.

**Eternal Death** – People who die spiritually will FOREVER be alienated from God. Eternal separation from God.

**The Serpents Curse (Gen 3:14 NLT)**

* Cursed more than all of the other beasts of the field.
* Would slither across the ground on its belly.
* Caused hostility between the woman and the serpent.

**Woman’s Curse (Gen 3:15, 16 NLT)**

* Hostility between the woman and the serpent.
* Pain in child birth.
* Would always be subservient to men.

**Earth’s Curse v.18**

* The earth began to grow thorns and thistles.
* Plants and animals die.

**EVERYTHING WE SEE IS WHAT WE HAVE AFTER THE CURSE.**

**How much more beautiful will the earth be once God destroys it and restores itself to its former majesty?**

**Man's Curse v.17**

* The ground was cursed causing its own sets of problems for man.
* Man was sentenced to hard labor.

*This foretells the hard labor which man would endure under the conditions of the curse. The very elements would be adverse, making him suffer for his sin. Hard labor would break him down physically, finally resulting in his death (*[*Eccl. 3:20*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ecc+3%3A20)*;* [*12:7*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ecc+12%3A7)*;* [*Ps. 103:14*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+103%3A14)*;* [*1Cor. 15:21-28*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A21-28)*). Deserts, barrenness, weeds, poisons, germs and every other form of curse were to add to man's punishment until he would finally return to the cursed ground himself. The planets were affected so that weather conditions would become a problem (*[*Isa. 30:26*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+30%3A26)*;* [*35:1-8*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+35%3A1-8)*;* [*Rev. 7:16*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+7%3A16)*). Until the final restoration of all things, man's whole existence was to be one of constant hardships, sufferings, and trials (*[*Gen. 31:42*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+31%3A42)*;* [*35:16*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+35%3A16)*;* [*Ps. 90:10*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+90%3A10)*;* [*107:12*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+107%3A12)*;* [*Eccl. 1:8*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ecc+1%3A8)*;* [*2:18*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ecc+2%3A18)*;* [*4:8*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ecc+4%3A8)*;* [*Mt. 11:28*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+11%3A28)*;* [*Jas. 5:4*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+5%3A4)*). In the New Earth there will be no more curse. Everything will be as it was before Lucifer's rebellion in the pre-Adamite world, and before man's rebellion in the Adamite world (*[*Acts 3:21*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+3%3A21)*;* [*Rev. 22:3*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+22%3A3)*). Christ's purpose in the millennial reign will be to rid the earth of all rebellion and curse so that man can carry out his original assignment of helping God administer the affairs of the universe (*[*1Cor. 15:24-28*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A24-28)*;* [*Eph. 1:10*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+1%3A10)*;* [*Rev. 20-22*](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20-22)*).*

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Adam was “the god of this world.” When he ate from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he gave all the dominion he had on this earth to Satan.

Adam sold ALL of mankind out. By eating of that fruit, he “legally” transferred his dominion to Satan.

**Romans 5:12 – 21 (NLT)**

12When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. 15But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

18Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

20God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant. 21So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God’s wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Genesis 3:22-24 (GW)**
22  Then the LORD God said, “The man has become **like one of us**, since he knows good and evil. He must not reach out and take the fruit from the tree of life and eat. Then he would live forever.”
23  So the LORD God sent the man out of the Garden of Eden to farm the ground from which the man had been formed.
24  After he sent the man out, God placed angels and a flaming sword that turned in all directions east of the Garden of Eden. He placed them there to guard the way to the tree of life.

If Adam had eaten the fruit from the tree of life, ALL of mankind would be doomed to eternal separation from God.

God put angels to keep Adam or anyone else from getting to it.

The garden and those two trees do not exist today.