THE FALL OF MAN

Genesis 3:1-24

Key Verse: 3:15 **15**And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[[a](about:blank#fen-NIV-71a)] and hers; he will crush[[b](about:blank#fen-NIV-71b)] your head, and you will strike his heel.”

God provided everything for man’s happiness, but man failed to keep this blessing by breaking order, by disobeying God’s command. We learn the Fall of Man and its consequence….Still, the Lord God loves sinners to restore the garden through the offspring of a woman, Jesus Christ.

How did man fall? Its consequence? How can we overcome temptation? Why is keeping God’s order important?

1. **Read 3:1-6a. Where does this conversation take place and who are the participants? Who does the serpent in 3:1-6 represent? (Rev 12:9) How did Satan tempt the woman? Observe carefully the steps in the serpent's temptation of the woman. Why was she vulnerable?**

**The Fall**

**3**Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” **2**The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3**but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” **4**“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5**“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6**When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

**9**The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

In the Garden of Eden under the Tree of knowledge of good and evil. It is time of blessing and prosperity, not of suffering or poverty. We must be careful when we are under God’s blessing…We must be thankful and

The serpent tempted the woman when she was alone. The woman was weaker than man.

Satan tempted the woman by question mark?,, which looks like a hook, about God’s word.

Satan twisted the word of God so that she might be confused, and doubt about God’s absolute love.

She responded the serpent questions with God’s word, but she was already poisoned by doubt, complain as if God might hide something and restrict their freedom..

Satan planted the false conviction in verse 4. “You will not surely die.”

For God knows that when you eat…your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil…

1. **Read 3:6b-13. What were the immediate results of eating the forbidden fruit? What is the meaning of God’s word to Adam, “Where are you?” Why did each blame another? What does this reveal about sin's effect on relationships?**

She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7**Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. **8**Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **9**But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” **10**He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” **11**And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

**12**The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” **13**Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Immediately they came to realize that they were naked…Their eyes for shame, fear, guilt were opened…Their eyes of sin were opened…knowing evil. Most people committed sin after experienced the same sin before.

They did not become God, rather they became slave of fear, fugitive from God.

God knew all things about their fall, but wanted them to repent and be forgiven. But they ran away from God.

God called them ‘Where are you?’, which means ‘don’t hide, but come out as you are and confess and be forgiven.” This is existentialistic question to all fallen men…Where are you?

The man blamed God who gave the woman to him, he also blamed the woman. (12) The woman blamed the serpent. (13)

Sin broke all relationships, relationship between God and men, between men and women, and between men and the world. Sin breaks spiritual order…

Adam’s problem: he should have rebuked the woman and held the word of God (2:17) absolutely. But he did not listen to God’s word, but to the woman’s word. He chose his feeling or desire rather than God’s word. We must obey God’s word rather than our own idea, feeling, reason.

1. **Read 3:14-19. How did God curse the serpent? How does the promise in 3:15 give hope to mankind? How were the woman and Adam punished? How does the gospel restore them?**
2. So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. **15And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[**[**a**](about:blank#fen-NIV-71a)**] and hers; he will crush[**[**b**](about:blank#fen-NIV-71b)**] your head, and you will strike his heel.” 16**To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” **17**To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. **18**It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. **19**By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

God cursed the serpent, who tempted the men and the serpent will crawl on its belly…

The woman’s offspring, Jesus the Messiah, will crush the head of the serpent through his death and resurrection. By obeying the Father’s will, Jesus restored the glory of God.

The punishment to the woman; birthpain, her desire for her husband…-cursed desire, not as a suitable helper, but a

The gospel of Jesus Christ restored them to be united as children of God. We are all forgiven sinners. We are all equal in Christ as co-workers.

1. **Read 3:20-24. How does God show his love to sinful mankind? Why did God drive Adam from the garden of Eden? Why did God not destroy the tree of life, but only guard the way back to it?**

**20**Adam[[c](about:blank#fen-NIV-76c)] named his wife Eve,[[d](about:blank#fen-NIV-76d)] because she would become the mother of all the living.

**21**The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. **22**And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” **23**So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. **24**After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side[[e](about:blank#fen-NIV-80e)] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

God made garments of skin for Adam…means God covered their sins. God sacrificed an animal for man’s forgiveness of sin.

God did not want men to live forever as sinners. God let people die and rise again as children of God in heaven.

God so loved the world that he gave his One and Only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.