

Back to the beginning – Genesis – Sermon Notes

Title: “8. The fall – part 1”

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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?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 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.’” 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 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.” 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. 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. 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. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?” 10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

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?” 12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” 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.”

1 그런데 뱀은 여호와 하나님이 지으신 들짐승 중에 가장 간교하니 뱀이 여자에게 물어 이르되 하나님이 참으로 너희에게 동산 모든 열매를 막지 말라 하신대냐
 2 여자가 뱀에게 말하되 동산 열매를 우리가 먹을 수 있으나 3 동산 중앙에 있는 열매는 하나님의 말씀에 너희는 먹지도 말고 만지지도 말라 너희가 죽을까 하노라 하셨느니라 4 뱀이 여자에게 이르되 너희가 결코 죽지 아니하리라 5 너희가 그것을 먹는 너희 눈이 밝아져 하나님과 같이 되어 선악을 알 줄 하나님이 아심 아나
 6 여자가 그 본즉 먹음직도 하고 보임직도 하고 지혜롭게 할 만큼 한 여자가 그 열매를 따먹고 자기와 함께 있는 주매 그도 먹은지라
 7 이에 그들의 눈이 밝아져 자기들이 벗은 줄을 알고 무화과 나무 잎을 엮어 치마로 8 그들이 그 바람이 불 때 동산에 거니는 여호와 하나님의 소리를 듣고 아담과 그의 아내가 여호와 하나님의 피하여 동산 무 숨은지라
 9 여호와 하나님이 아담을 부르시며 그에게 이르사되 네가 어디 있느냐
 10 이르되 동산에서 하나님의 소리를 듣고 벗었으므로 두려워하여 숨었나이다
 11 이르사되 누가 너의 벗었음을 내게 알렸느냐 네가 막지 말라 명한 그 열매를 네가 먹었느냐 12 아담이 이르되 하나님이 주셔서 함께 있게 하신 여자 그가 그 열매를 주므로 먹었나이다 13 여호와 하나님이 여자에게 이르사되 네가 어찌하여 이렇게 하였느냐 여자가 이르되 뱀이 꾀므로 먹었나이다

Review – life in the garden -part 2

Today we are going to begin chapter 3 of the book of beginnings. Things are about to become very dark. That is because we are going to examine the fall of man. The birth of sin and evil. People often ask, where did evil come from? Or, why do people do such terrible things? The answer to these, or similar questions goes all the way back to what we read in the third chapter of Genesis.

However before we dive into all of that let us briefly review the key things we looked at last time.

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen how God created the perfect environment in which the first human couple could prosper and thrive. We refer to this place as the garden of Eden. Though as I have said before a garden in Eden is probably more accurate. As we saw God placed the first man; Adam in the garden and told him that his job was to tend and keep it. Man right from the beginning was expected to work and occupy his time with meaningful endeavour.

This garden was beautiful to behold. Full of plants and trees that were both aesthetically pleasing but that also provided a nourishing and varied source of food. Among the presumably thousands of trees two in particular are singled out. The first is the tree of life, and the second is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The later tree will feature heavily in today's study. Adam was told that he could eat from every tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If Adam obeyed God he could live in this paradise, experience eternal life and enjoy close fellowship with God. We refer to this arrangement, or more technically covenant as the Edenic Covenant. This was a conditional covenant. Adam would receive these benefits only upon the condition that he continued to obey God. If he broke the conditions he could expect death as a consequence.

One of the jobs that God gave to Adam was the naming of the animals. God brought the animals to him and Adam gave them suitable names. This was all a part of the dominion mandate. God had told Adam that he was to subdue and have dominion of the earth. As this process unfolded it became apparent that a suitable companion for Adam could not be found among the creatures of the earth. God noted that this situation was “not good.” It was not good that man was alone. As I said last time this is not God saying that something He had created was bad or evil. Nothing that God ever does could be bad. But rather that something was incomplete. There was a missing piece in the puzzle. Adam could not live the full and complete life God intended without a suitable helper. So God determined to fix this. He put Adam to sleep, removed a rib and surrounding tissue and used this to “build” the first woman.

When God brought the first woman; Eve to Adam he was overjoyed. As I said last time he burst into poetry or song. He noted in his “love poem” that they were the same. She had been created from a part of him. That meant that they were connected, they were family. He also rightly noted that they were not identical. They were made from the same material but there were differences between them.

God then informs us about the institution of marriage. From this time on a man shall leave his family home join in a union with a woman and from this create a new family unit.

The chapter ends by telling us about the perfect innocence that existed at this time. Adam and Eve were naked but felt no shame. They had no evil thoughts of desires plaguing them.

As a consequence they lived in perfect harmony with the created world and with their creator. All was perfect, but it was not to stay that way for long. What happened to destroy this perfect world will be the subject of our study today.

복습 - 동산에서의 삶 -part 2

오늘은 창세기 3 장을 시작하겠습니다. 앞으로 매우 어두운 내용이 펼쳐질 것입니다. 바로 인간의 타락, 죄와 악의 시작이 펼쳐지기 때문입니다. □□□□□□ "악은 어디에서 시작 되었을까?" 또는 "□□□□□ □□□ □□□□□□ □ 지를까?" 라고 묻습니다. 이러한 질문들에 대한 답이 창세기 3 장에 있습니다. 3 장을 본격적으로 보기 전에 지난 시간에 살펴본 핵심 내용을 간략하게 복습해 보겠습니다.

지난 몇 주 동안 하나님께서 첫 인간 부부가 잘 살아갈 수 있는 완벽한 환경을 어떻게 창조하셨는지 살펴보았습니다. 우리는 이곳을 에덴 동산이라고 부르지만 앞서 말했듯이 '에덴에 있는 동산 a garden in Eden' 이 더 정확한 표현일 것입니다. 하나님께서는 첫 인간 아담을 에덴 동산에 두시고 그곳을 가꾸고 지키는 일을 맡기셨습니다. 인간은 태초부

not believe the Book... There was a real serpent, as there was a real paradise; there was a real Adam and Eve, who stood at the head of our race, and they really sinned, and our race is really fallen. Believe this” (Spurgeon).

So with that established let's look at the text.

Here in verse number one we are introduced to a new character in the story. We've met God, Adam and Eve who is to come along next. It is described here as being a “serpent.” I want to be clear here. This was a literal snake. Later on we come to learn that this is something more than simply a snake. I'll come back to address that issue shortly.

But let's talk first about the snake creature. In Hebrew there are two words used interchangeably throughout scripture to describe a snake or serpent. The first is the word used here which is *nachash* (naw-khawsh'). The second is the word *tannin*. The word *nachash* derives from the verb “to hiss.” I've also heard that the word can be used to describe something that is “bright” or “shiny.” the word sounds very similar to the Hebrew for bronze (*n chōshet*).

The snakes we see today have a particular appearance. They are legless reptiles which move by slithering along the ground. We find out later in the account that one of the effects of the curse is that snakes are forever condemned to slither through the dirt. This means that prior to the fall the serpent creature was not crawling through the dirt. There has been much debate surrounding what the original serpent looked like. It may have been a multi-legged creature, or perhaps had more of a dinosaur (dragon) like appearance.

But, as I said before this is more than simply a snake creature. It is not mentioned here in Genesis but we know that Satan was using (manipulating) this creature in some way. This fact is borne out in the New Testament. In three places we are told that the serpent and Satan are one (2 Cor 11:3, Rev 12:9 and 20:2). In Revelation chapter 12 verse 9 we read,

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev 12:9)

There are a number of theories surrounding how exactly Satan used the snake. Some suggest that Satan disguised himself as a snake, another view is that he corrupted the serpent and persuaded it to be his mouthpiece. The snake after all is described as being a cunning and crafty creature. An ideal choice for such a clever and deceptive trick. I am however most persuaded by the idea that Satan indwelt (possessed) the snake and communicated with the woman through it.

We are told that the serpent approached Eve and engaged her in reasoned communication. Eve doesn't appear to be particularly taken aback or surprised by this. It doesn't seem to be out of the ordinary to her. It certainly would be for us. If you were walking in the park one day and a poodle ran up and said, “hello” you'd think it odd.

Some have inferred from this that there were a number of talking animals in the garden, and this ability for animals to speak was lost after the fall. The bible doesn't speak to this issue directly. So it's merely speculation. The only other talking animal mentioned in scripture is Balaam's donkey. On that occasion the donkey only talked when God opened its mouth (Num 22:28). It was not a constantly chatting donkey like Shrek! So it's perhaps safest to assume that animals weren't speaking in the garden but that a serpent indwelt by Satan was able to speak.

So why then wasn't Eve thrown by a talking snake? Well, let's not forget that she was living at a wondrous time and in a place she was still discovering. So perhaps she simply assumed that a talking snake was just another wonder God had placed in the garden.

Let's see what the snake manipulated by Satan has to say. He has a question for Eve. In Hebrew its rather more emphatic than it appears in English. It might be better rendered as follows.

“Is it really the fact that God has prohibited you from eating of all the trees of the garden?”

So the cunning and crafty Satan begins by casting doubt or causing confusion upon what God had commanded. As it unfolds we will discover that Satan will employ a very clever and subtle strategy.

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 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.’ ”

Eve I'm afraid made two grave errors in her interaction with Satan. Her first mistake lay in trying to engage him in discussion. This is spiritual warfare 101. If you are taking notes get your pen ready. We are not to enter into discussions or debates with our enemy. He's too intelligent, cunning and crafty an adversary. Instead, we are to follow the archangel Michael's example and rebuke him in the name of the Lord (Jude 9). So Eve should have simply and strongly told the snake to take his lies and leave her alone. This was mistake number one.

The second very grave error comes in her treatment, or more accurately mistreatment of the Word of God. She very badly mishandled what God had commanded them to do regarding the fruit on the one prohibited tree. I'm sure that I don't need to remind you how serious an offence this is. Let's look carefully at her response to Satan's question and as we go compare it with what God had actually said.

God (Gen 2:16-17)	Eve
<p>16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”</p>	<p>2...“We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 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.’ ”</p>

Eve begins by stating the following,

We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden.

This is in essence true. But note that she omits the word “freely.” God was being incredibly kind and generous. He was in effect saying, don't feel any inhibitions here, take and eat as much as you want. Eve neglects to mention God's generosity. She goes on,

but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said...

Did you notice the omission here. God didn't “say,” God in fact “commanded.” Eve is engaged in a subtle act of watering down. To “say” implies a suggestion or a recommendation. To “command” means it is an order. Not something that is open for negotiation. Eve continues,

‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it.

Here Eve is adding to what God said. There was never a prohibition against touching the fruit. Now perhaps it was Adam who had told Eve this. Maybe he included it as a safety measure. You must definitely not eat it, and just to be sure and safe don't even touch it! Eve concludes by adding,

lest you die.

Again here is another subtle change. “**Lest you die**” implies only a possibility. If you eat this fruit there is a possibility that you may die. What God had originally said was an actuality. When you eat you will die. There is no hint of possibility there.

So Eve here is guilty here of mishandling scripture. She omits, adds to and changes God's Word. In essence, she is beginning to seriously doubt God's goodness. This is exactly what Satan had hoped would happen. If only she had just rebuked Satan and walked away.

Before moving on it is worth just thinking about how we today handle God's Word. We'd like to believe I'm sure that we all correctly and carefully handle God's Word. But in many ways contemporary believers mirror exactly what Eve did. If there is something in God's revelation we

don't like, agree with or are offended by what do we do. We conveniently forget or omit it. If we want to excuse or allow for a "bad habit" or practice we just add a clause or subtly change God's Word. So it's worth all of us pausing to consider whether we too might have fallen into Satan's snare.

Let's see how the evil one seizes upon Eve's response.

2 여자가 뱀에게 말하되 동산 꺾은 열매를 우리가 먹을 수 있으나 3 동산 중앙에 있는 꺾은 열매는 하나님의 말씀에 너희는 먹지도 말고 만지지도 말라 너희가 죽을까 하노라 하셨느니라

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하나님(Gen 2:16-17)	이브
16 여호와 하나님이 그 꺾은 열매를 명하여 commanded 이르사되 동산 각종 꺾은 열매는 네가 임의로 freely 먹되 17 선악을 알게 하는 꺾은 열매는 먹지 말라 네가 먹 는 꺾은 열매 반드시 죽으리라 하시니라	2 ... 동산 꺾은 열매를 우리가 먹을 수 있으나 3 동산 중앙에 있는 꺾은 열매는 하나님의 말씀에 has said 에 너희는 먹지도 말고 만지지도 말라 너희가 죽을까 하노라 하셨느니라

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이제 이 사악한 자가 하와의 반응을 어떻게 이용하는지 살펴보겠습니다.

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 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.”

The first step of Satan was to cunningly implant a seed of doubt in Eve's mind. He wanted Eve to question whether God truly was good. Was He in fact actually rather mean in keeping something good and desirable from her. The second step that we see here is much more brazen. Here Satan openly calls God a liar. He brazenly denies the truth of what God had said. God had said that upon eating of the fruit **in that day you shall surely die**.

So look at what the crafty one says.

You will not surely die.

Satan is so effective, not just with Eve but still today because although he is the father of lies (John 8:44) there is always a kernel of truth in what he says.

The greatest and most believable liars are the ones who are able to mix a little truth in with their lies. This is a tactic Satan still uses.

Satan is in effect distorting what God had said and telling Eve that upon eating the forbidden fruit she will not physically die immediately. We know that disobedience to God's command brought about immediate spiritual but not physical death. So Satan is calling into doubt the veracity of God's Word. He told you Eve is this, but it's NOT true. You will not die the moment you eat the fruit.

Then the evil one goes on to call into question God's character and motivations. Why, he wants Eve to think does this prohibition exist at all? Why do you suppose God doesn't want you to eat this fruit? God is saying it is for your own good but is it really?

The underlying implication here is that it is because God is selfish and jealous. He doesn't want Eve to know what He knows. He wants her to remain ignorant of the true reality of existence (good and evil).

So what Satan is saying to Eve is that human beings are capable of knowing good and evil as perfectly and completely as God. They have the ability to see the world as it truly is. The Lord knew this, He knew that His creation could be like Him. BUT, God was being mean and selfish. He's not really a good and generous God. He didn't want to share this special “gift” with them. He unfairly wanted to keep it all to Himself.

The final subtle thing that Satan did was to instil the idea that disobedience to God is what would bring the greatest reward. If you obey God you will get nothing, but if you rebel and disobey Him you'll get everything. We know that in reality the opposite is true. God's greatest blessings come when we are completely trusting and obedient to Him.

with her, and he ate.

We arrive here at what one commentator I read described as being, “The single most tragic verse in scripture.” It's hard to disagree. Just picture in your mind the suffering, misery, pain and death that has befallen countless millions in the 6000 years or so since this very first sin. Sin and evil has had a truly catastrophic effect and it can all be traced back to this moment. But, It didn't need to be this way. This was not God's plan. He made everything good and perfect. We are the ones who spoiled things.

Satan then has succeeded in his plan of corruption. He planted and watered the tiny seed of temptation and now it blooms into full-blown sin. Eve surrendered to this temptation in exactly the way that the Apostle John describes in 1 John 2:16. First, she gave in to the lust of the flesh (**saw that it was good for food**), then she gave in to the lust of the eyes (**pleasant to the eyes**), then she gave in to the pride of life (**desirable to make one wise**).

Satan must have been very pleased with his strategy here because he used it again with the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt 4:1-11). The outcome with Jesus however was very different. He models for us exactly how we are to combat the tactics of the enemy. We are to trust and rely upon the truth of God as revealed in scripture.

So Eve took and ate the fruit. She then handed the fruit to Adam and he ate also.

Now if you are curious like me, you may have a question at this point. The question regards Adam and his role in all of this. What exactly was Adam doing whilst Eve was interacting with Satan? One of the roles of a husband and head of the family is to protect and provide guidance and insight. If he was present he was certainly negligent in his role. He ought to have stepped in and put a stop to the discussion. Why we must ask did he not act decisively?

So some claim therefore that Adam was not present during Eve's temptation. He only reappeared here at the end. This still raises questions of course. Why did he not pause and question her choice? Why did he not resist and tell he would not disobey God's command? It reads as if he simply took the fruit and ate it.

Whatever the case the entry of sin into the world rests firmly upon the shoulders of Adam (Rom 5:12). Adam was created first. He was the one that God gave the original command to.

Adam was also the one appointed by God to be the head of the family. The woman Eve was built to be his helper. This means that Adam stands as the representative of mankind. He is the “federal head” of all of humanity. That is why when he sinned we inherited his sin. Although chronologically speaking Eve sinned first the far greater offence and blame falls upon Adam. Here's why.

Adam willingly chose to obey his wife and not God. Eve was deceived but Adam cannot make such a claim. He chose to sin. He made a free will decision to disobey or rebel against God.

Let us read on and see what happens next.

6 여자가 그 꺾은 가지의 열매를 따먹고 자기와 함께 있는 주매 그도 먹은지라

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님으로부터 숨는 것은 불가능합니다.

하나님은 최초의 숨바꼭질에서 그들을 찾아낼 수 있을까요? 계속 읽어 보겠습니다.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

It is truly a day of firsts. The first time man sinned, the first time man hid from God and now the first time that God had to call out for Adam and Eve. Now, as I'm sure you all understand God is not really unaware of Adam's location. He knows that he's crouching down behind a large palm tree. So we are to think of God's question as being like a parents question of a child when they already know the answer. “Who left all their Lego blocks on the floor?” When we ask such a question what do we want? We want our child to come forward, admit it was them, apologise and then remedy the problem. This is exactly what God wants. His desire is that Adam come forward and confess his sin and ask Him for forgiveness

Please also note that God here is specifically addressing Adam. He wants to deal with him, as the federal head first.

Adam eventually comes forward and tells God that due to his nakedness (shame) he hid from God. They had of course prior to this point lived happily and without any issue being naked.

God knows that something has corrupted His perfect world.

9 여호와와 하나님이 아담을 부르시며 그에게 이르시되 네가 어디 있느냐

10 이르되 내가 동산에서 하나님의 소리를 듣고 내가 벗었으므로 두려워하여 숨었나이다

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하나님은 그분의 완벽한 세상이 무언가에 의해 타락했음을 아십니다.

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?” 12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

As we have established Adam and Eve's nakedness had not previously been an issue. In a perfect sin-free world there is nothing wrong, guilt-inducing or shameful about the bodies God gave us. But in a fallen (corrupted) world all that has changed. So God again asks a question to which He knows the answer. Where has this new knowledge come from? How is it that you are now aware of your nakedness? God knew of course that Adam had disobeyed Him. He wanted Adam to confess and repent of this.

He then asks him directly if he had eaten the prohibited fruit.

Adam's answer is shameful. But I'm afraid it is entirely consistent with fallen human nature. We are all experts in the blame game. Politicians may be at the gold standard level but all of us play it regularly. Everything is always someone else's fault. Why were you late for work this morning?

2 Handle God's Word carefully

We saw in our account today how Eve mishandled the Word of God. She conveniently left bits out, added things that weren't there and made some subtle changes. This mishandling ultimately led to her downfall. We do not want a similar thing to happen to us. This means it behoves all believers to carefully study and know God's Word. We cannot apply it to our own lives or instruct and guide others if we do not know it ourselves. So let us then not be casual or lacking in serious intent when it comes to the bible. Let us be diligent and careful to read, understand and then correctly apply what we read to our lives. May we never fall into Eve's trap.

2 하나님의 말씀을 신중하게 다루십시오

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