

Pln02 - The Fall - Gen 3

Our Series is "GOD'S PLAN - GEN TO REV" - This is Msg #2

As we said last week - We're Following the Book - MULTIPLY
But NOT following it - from the beginning

We've Started in PART IV - Today Part IV - Session TWO
Then we'll go back to the beginning after surveying Bible

I really encourage you to Read the Book with us - Read the Ch
we're studying either BEFORE - or AFTER being here for the Msg

We have MORE BOOKS in the back today - \$12.00
We do have a few of the FREE versions of the book
Or you can read it all FREE at multiplymovement.com

Today we're surveying GEN CH 3 - to GEN CH 11

& I'd encourage you to follow as we fly thru these Ch's
& Make marks & notes in your Bible to come back to & study

I think it's safe to say - (I think we'd all agree)
This world - is NOT as it was intended to be

Even those who are NOT YET Following Jesus - know that -
We can ALL sense it - it's not too hard to figure out

But - when you look at GOD'S PLAN in the Bible
It brings the Not-Right-Ness of this world - into Perfect Focus

God's Word says the REASON this World is NOT
as it was intended to be - is because of THE FALL

Everywhere you look - Everything you do - Every Aspect of God's Creation - has been in some way EFFECTED by the FALL

Last week we surveyed the Glory of God's Creation -
The Beauty, The Perfection, The Paradise God made for Man

But Suddenly - from the last vs of GEN 2 to the 1st vs of GEN 3 -
ALL that CHANGED - & THAT'S what we're looking at TODAY

Let's Pray

Last week we saw the earth created by God
AS it was INTENDED to be - An Incredible PARADISE

& Mankind created by God as WE were INTENDED to be
in Perfect Harmony - with God & with One Another

Everything was Good - No Sin, Sorrow, Pain, or Death -
Perfect fellowship between Man & God & between Man & Woman

But THEN . . . in the 1st Vs of GEN CH 3 - The SERPENT enters -
& we KNOW this Serpent (from the N.T.) - as Satan

As Adam & Eve are enjoying Perfect Harmony w/ God & one another
in Paradise - Satan, Subtly, SlitherS upon the Scene

Genesis 3:1 (esv)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

Well - That Seems Somewhat Subtle, DoeSn't it?

Mankind has been **DUPED** like this by Satan - **SINCE** this day
So let's get a **FIRM HANDLE** on his approach here

#1) He QUESTIONS God's Word and *God's Authority*

#2) He DENIES God's Word and *God's Authority*

#3) He CHANGES God's Word and *God's Authority*

THAT is how the **Great Deceiver**, The **Serpent**, The **Devil** - **DOES IT**

He **SlitherS** in **Subtly**, He **SeduceS** you into Rebelling *againSt* God,
& then He **SLAYS** you!!

He's been using **this approach** to **Steal, Kill, & Destroy**
Ever since the **Garden of Eden** - & still in your life **TODAY**

1st (v.1) - Satan **QUESTIONS God's Word** & Authority - ***"Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"***

That's **STEP ONE** - He **QUESTIONS God's Word** in your life

Then - **STEP TWO** - He **DENIES God's Word** in your life

Eve **makes an attempt** in **vs 2-3** - saying ***"it's only the fruit from THAT ONE Tree we cannot eat - Lest we DIE"***

But then **Satan Swings Punch #2** - Outright **DENYING God's Word**

Genesis 3:4 (esv)

4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

Now **Satan** has **Eve Questioning** & Doubting **BOTH**
God's Word & **God's Authority** over her

& then Satan drops the Hammer - Just like He does on US -
He exchanges the TRUTH for a LIE - & we too easily Take the Bait

STEP THREE - Satan CHANGES God's Word in your life

Genesis 3:5 (esv)

5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you - will be - like - God, knowing good and evil."

Satan's #1 LIE - Was His OWN #1 GOAL - "You will be like God"

Eve was already made in the Image of God
Enjoying perfect Harmony with God - & His Creation

But Satan convinces her - YOU can make your OWN decisions
YOU decide what's Right & Wrong - for YOUR OWN life

Just because God created you - AND everything else
That doesn't give Him Authority over your life

Show Him who's BOSS - Do it YOUR way - Be your OWN GOD

& TODAY - MOST of the World is STILL Buying into Satan's Lie
Believing that WE CAN BE LIKE GOD !!

It is an incredible study to COMPARE Eve's dialogue with Satan -
to Jesus' Dialogue with Satan in MAT Ch 4 (*wrong way / right way*)

I'd encourage you to READ THOSE - Side by Side - Look for diff's

But our Point today is - Adam & Eve - BIT ON THE LIE
& EVERYTHING in God's Creation Changed

Francis Chan says - *From this point on, the biblical story is saturated with the effects of the fall.*

Sin had Entered The World - & Adam & Eve were Immediately Separated from God . . .

& You & I - Because of our Inherited Sin Nature - AND because of our Choosing the same Sin as Adam & Eve chose . . .

You & I were also Separated from God

The Effects of the Fall are called - THE CURSE

& the Greatest consequence of The Curse - is DEATH

Spiritual Death in Separation from God now

Physical Death at the End of our life

Eternal Death if we die w/o Jesus Christ as God's only answer to our Sin Problem

It's hard for us to grasp what life was like before The FALL

We kinda picture it - Private Nudist Colony in a Cool Jungle

But it was SO MUCH More than that -

It was Literally Paradise in EVERY WAY

It was God's Perfect CREATION operating in Perfect HARMONY

& more than just living in a Perfect ENVIRONMENT

Adam & Eve lived in Perfect RELATIONSHIP

Perfect Relationship With GOD

Perfect Relationship With EACH OTHER

They LIVED with God Physically - In Perfect HARMONY -
IN His Perfect CREATION

& I need you to Hear That very clearly

Because THAT is - GOD'S PLAN - GEN TO REV

GOD'S PLAN is for us to LIVE with Him - Physically -
In Perfect Harmony - in His Perfect Creation - W/O the effects of Sin

THAT - is GOD'S PLAN - GEN TO REV

& I promise you - if you'll STAY with us in this series -
You'll see that Single Thread RUN - thru-out the Bible

To Us - REV CH 21 (where God's Plan is Fulfilled) seems
a LONG WAY from GEN CH 1 (where God's Plan Starts)

But from an ETERNAL Perspective - NOT SO MUCH

2 Peter 3:8–9 (nlt)

8 But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

You may think God is taking a long time
to bring His Plan to completion

But the truth is - He may be waiting - FOR YOU
So He can Include YOU in the Fullness of His Plan

Personally - I am **ETERNALLY GRATEFUL**
that **God** was **Patient Enough** - in His Plan
to give **ME** an **Opportunity** to **Receive** Jesus Christ
& **BE PART** of **God's Family** when He **Restores** all things
to **the way** they **were** before **The FALL**

BUT . . . I'm Skipping Ahead a bit

As we **go back** & **follow** the **pages** of **scripture** from **Gen Ch 3**
things just get **worse**, & **worse** & **worse**

Adam & Eve are **BARRED** from the **Garden**,
& **from God's** Physical **Presence**

In the **Next Ch** (**GEN 4**) **CAIN KILLS** his brother **ABLE**

A **few Vs's** later - **LAMECH** takes **TWO Wives** - & then **writes a poem**
saying **HIS OWN Vengeance** - is **even greater** than God's

Things are **going Downhill FAST**

Then - In **GEN CH 5** we go from **ADAM** to **NOAH**
& in just a **FEW PAGE TURNS** - we get to **Gen 6:5**

Genesis 6:5 (are you there?) **(esv)**

***5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,
and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually.***

THAT was a FAST Downhill Slide for Mankind !

In **FOUR Ch's** - we go from **Man** in **Perfect harmony** w/ **GOD** to . . .
every intention of man's heart was only evil - continually

From **Perfect Harmony** ***WITH*** God
To **Total Depravity** - **APART** from God

& **THAT** is **Exactly How Fast You & I** - Can **FALL Today**

Back in **Gen 4** - When **God WARNS Cain** - **Before** He Kills **Abel**

God says to Cain - & TO US - Genesis 4:7 (nlt)

7 . . . But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you . . .

The **problem** is - **CAIN** - & **Most** of **Mankind** - **WON'T Listen** to God

By **GEN CH 6** - **SIN** was in **control** of mankind
& ***every intention of man's heart was only evil - continually***

& **so** (shockingly) **Gen 6** says - God **REGRETTED**
that he **MADE MAN** & it **GRIEVED Him to His Heart** (**Gen 6:6**)

& God **would've been** Perfectly **HOLY, JUST, & RIGHTEOUS** -
If He **would've wiped** man **out** all together **right there**

But - it was **never God's Plan** to **completely Annihilate** Mankind
even tho we **deserved** it

& here's how God cont'd - Genesis 6:8-9 says (esv)

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

9 . . . Noah was a righteous man, . . . Noah walked with God.

& **RIGHT THERE** we see a **Critical Truth** found thru-out the Bible
& that is - the **BELIEVING REMNANT**

So Often - We see **God's Plan** continuing -
Through a Very Small - **BELIEVING REMNANT**

Noah & His Family - were the **1st** - of the **Believing Remnants**
That **God used** - to **continue** to **Move His Plan** Ahead

So - As **you may know** - Cont'g in **Gen Ch 6**
God **JUDGES** the **EARTH**

God has **Noah** build **THE ARK**
Then **SEALS Noah** & His **family INSIDE**

Which is a Picture of God **SEALING US** (believers),
AWAY from His **Judgment**

Then God **JUDGES** The Earth - with a **Worldwide FLOOD**
& in **essence** - **STARTS OVER** with **Noah & His Family**

& we **would think** - **OK** - **God got His point across**

Certainly, w/ the **Effects** of the **Flood FRESH** in their **Minds** -
This Time Around - **things** would be different

YEAH - You Would **THINK** . . . ***But . . . not so much***

Gen Ch 10 is a **list** of the **Nations of People's**
that **were** all **started** from **Noah's sons** & their **wives**

It's a **phenomenal** list of **CLANS** that Became **NATIONS**
Just a quick count - I GET 70 NATIONS

& the last vs - Genesis 10:32 says (nlt)
***32 . . . All the nations of the earth descended from these clans
after the great flood.***

BUT - it **seems** like Immed after those **70 Nations** are listed in **Gen 10**
Mankind just wants to **exercise** its **GOD-COMPLEX** Again

In the **very next Ch (Gen Ch 11)** - *Again* - Man so **quickly**, decides
He **wants** to **BE LIKE GOD** - Just like back in **GEN CH 3**

& **guys Listen**, Pls - **At** the **ROOT** of **YOUR** Sin & **MINE**
is the **SAME Desire** - to be **AUTONOMOUS**

TO BE AUTONOMOUS MEANS - *To be Self-Governed,*
to Act Independently - to DO whatever YOU Want

THAT was the **Root** of the **Original Sin** -
& **THAT** is the **Root** of the **Majority** of **OUR SIN** today

& **THAT** was at **The Root** of the **Events** that **FOLLOW** in **GEN 11**

In **Gen 11** we **Find Mankind** building The **TOWER OF BABEL**

At the ROOT of the Tower of Babel - Was Mankind saying

We can **DO ANYTHING** we want -
HOWEVER & **Whenever** we want -
& **NOTHING** (*Not even God*) Can Stop US !!

& *God says . . . Wanna Bet ??*

But **this time** - God **responds Differently**

Here **God USES** the **Sinful Desire** in **man's heart** -
to **Further DISPERSE** mankind **around** the **Earth**

As we **saw last msg** - **God** again **Confers with The Trinity**

in Genesis 11:7-8 God says → →

Genesis 11:7-8 (esv)

***7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language . . .
& then v. 8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of
all the earth . . .***

I LIKE the way God Dealt with Man's SIN at the Tower of Babel

**Because it shows how God can be at work For Good
in ALL THINGS - - EVEN in our Sinful Choices**

**THE TOWER OF BABEL is the SYMBOL of Mankind saying
WE can RULE the World WITHOUT GOD**

**& it's MORE than interesting TODAY - that in the almost completely
GODLESS federation of nations called the European Union**

**Their HDQTRS BLDG - is actually designed to look like
a famous painting - of the Tower of Babel**

**The EU has actually used the Tower of Babel
to Promote their Power & Ability & Unity among Nations**

**Which is funny - Because THOSE are the same things the Nations
were trying to PROVE with the Original Tower of Babel**

**But God SHOWED Man WHO was actually in charge in GEN 11
& He WILL Show Man Again - You can count on it !**

**SO - We've been FLYING thru NINE CH'S of Genesis
& We've seen Clearly - THE RESULTS of SIN & The FALL**

BUT - WHAT ABOUT God Accomplishing HIS PLAN !!

Let's REWIND - to SEE God at work - THRU ALL of this
Let's start back in GEN CH 3 - Again

Right in the midst of everything BAD in the Fall - in GEN CH 3
There's actually a PROMISE of God's Plan coming to Pass

Right There - When God's layin down the Consequences of the Fall
God is talking to the Serpent (Satan)
& in the FIRST PROMISE of God's Plan coming to Pass . . .

Genesis 3:15 (esv)

15 I will put enmity between you (Serpent) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he (women's offspring) shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

NIV says - *he will CRUSH your head, and you will STRIKE his heel*

The NIV uses that language - Because the Image here is:
A Blow to the HEAD is FATAL - A Blow to the HEEL is MINOR

& - WHO IS IT - that CRUSHES the HEAD of Satan
While Satan Bruises His HEEL . . . ??

Colossians 2:14-15 say (nlt)

14 [Jesus] canceled the record of the charges against us (Sin) and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

At the Cross - Satan BRUISED Jesus - BADLY
But At the Resurrection - Jesus CRUSHED Satan's HEAD

& right there in Gen 3:15 - we have the 1st PROMISE
Of GOD'S PLAN coming to Pass - in order to SAVE US

Then - Skip ahead - to GEN CH 6 - & the FLOOD

Noah is a Righteous Man - Who WALKS with God
After God tells Noah exactly how to build the Ark . . .

God says to Noah in Genesis 6:18 (nlt)

18 . . . I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives.

The Covenant God made with ADAM - He now Confirms w/ NOAH

God SEALS Noah & His Family - AWAY from His Judgment

& then - Much of GEN CH 9 - is God CONFIRMING His Covenant
with Noah & His Sons

& then - What about the Tower of Babel incident?

What do we see of God "Continuing His Plan" THERE

Well - Flip over to GEN CH 11 - & look down at the very end

Remember - The Tower of Babel is at the Beginning of Ch 11

At the end of that Ch - Genesis 11:31 (esv)

31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

This Abram, is who we know as ABRAHAM

This Sarai, is who we know as Abraham's wife - SARAH

This Canaan, is what we know today as - The Land of ISRAEL

& Next week - we'll see God's Plan REALLY Get MOVING
With God's Covenant with Abraham

But this week's MSG has really been about the BAD NEWS

It's about OUR SIN - THE FALL - & THE RESULT of our Sin
NOT Adam's SIN - OUR SIN !!

We DID inherited the SIN NATURE from Adam

But we MUST Recognize - we have also CHOSEN Sin
JUST Like Adam & Eve Did

& we Justly DESERVE the Consequences of our Sin
Just Like Adam & Eve did

Thankfully - The Story doesn't END There
But it MUST START There

If we REFUSE to ACCEPT & ADMIT
That we are CUT OFF from God - by our OWN SIN

Then we place ourselves in the company of THOSE:

Who have REJECTED GOD

Who have REJECTED God's Truths

Who have REJECTED God's Authority

Who have REJECTED God's WORD . . .

DON'T Do THAT !!

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God's Plan - is a **Plan** for **YOUR Salvation**
It's a **Plan** for **YOUR Eternal Life** with Him

In His Presence - **In His Perfect & Glorified Creation** -
as it was **Intended To Be** in the Garden

BUT - You & I **CANNOT BENEFIT** from **God's Plan** . . .

Unless We **first Accept & Admit**
that **we've** been **Separated from God** - by **our own Sin**

& **Unless** we Accept **BY FAITH** - **that** our **ONLY Hope** . . .

Is to **RELY** on **God's Plan**
to **RESTORE us** & to **REDEEM us** - **to Himself**

Let's Pray