

Backstory

Genesis 3:1-10

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Native to us (in Paradise):

- Blessing (1:28)
- Perfection (1:31)
- Purpose (2:15)
- Provision (2:16)
- Connection (2:23-24)
- Peace (2:25)

Genesis 3:1-10

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'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Genesis 3:1-5

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I. We were ambushed by temptation.

Revelation 20:2

And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years...

"The devil was permitted to enter beasts, as he here entered the serpent. For there is no doubt that it was a real serpent in which Satan was and in which he conversed with Eve." - Martin Luther

A. He distorts God's word. (1-3)

"He is the liar behind all liars and stands in the lie back of all lies--that the creature can be equal with God. This was his own point of rebellion against his Creator, God. Every other lie is only an extension of this one. And this is who the devil is--the originator of The Lie." - Francis Schaeffer

B. He denies God's judgment. (4)

C. He vilifies God's character. (5)

Genesis 3:6

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II. We embraced the delusion.

A. Sin looks practical. (6a)

B. Sin seems beautiful. (6b)

C. Sin feels logical. (6c)

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world-- the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life-- is not from the Father but is from the world.

"How can it be wrong when it feels so right!?" If all isn't right with us, if we aren't right, then what feels right may well be quite wrong." - Miroslav Volf

Genesis 3:7-10

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HI: On the day we defied God, we struck a deal with death.

III. We discovered alienation. (7-10)

Native to us (Paradise lost):

~~Blessing~~ > Curse (Curse has replaced blessing)

~~Perfection~~ > Imperfection (Imperfection has taken the place of perfection)

~~Purpose~~ > Futility (Futility has triumphed over purpose)

~~Provision~~ > Poverty (Instead of provision, we face poverty)

~~Connection~~ > Division (Instead of connection, we have division)

~~Peace~~ > Fear (And most of all, in the place of peace, we know fear)

HI: On the day we defied God, we struck a deal with death.

Genesis 3:8-9

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Romans 5:19

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.