

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES
WOMEN IN THE WORD
Fellowship Bible Church

The Grace of God Revealed

Lesson 2

God's Grace Revealed in Creation & the Fall
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Meta Narrative - **Stage 1**

God had a plan - Stage 1

A plan to create

A plan for redemption

A plan for GRACE

- It's important to start at the right place when we think about creation, if we don't we come to wrong conclusions about God.

Stage 2 - God begins to carry out His plan - The plan is redemption.

Setting the stage-

Six days of creation

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The variety of His creation shows God's graciousness to mankind

God created Man - Formed him with a personal touch.

Capacity for relationship with God. God desires relationship

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Created in the image of God

Genesis 2:7 *then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a living creature.*

Emotions
Will
Mind

1 John 4:10 *We love because He first loved us.*

The Angels were the audience for His creative acts

Job 38:4-7 *Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

They witnessed God's omnipotence, sovereignty, and omniscience first hand!

God created angels with mighty intellect and power to do His will.

Psalms 103:20-21. *Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!*

Angels do not know all things, but are witnesses of God's grace to mankind.

Ephesians 3:8-10 *...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

1 Peter 1:10-12

We know that Lucifer rebelled and became Satan. Other angels followed him and became the demons. Still, this did not take God by surprise, and it was factored into His plan.

Colossians 1:16 tells us *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

The Fall - a necessary part of God's plan for a redeemer.

The set up - Genesis 2:9 *And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Let's consider why God planted these two trees in the garden and gave those commands.

- First, God created man to be dependent upon Him.
- Second in the true sense of being created in God's image, man had to be given the ability to choose.
- Lastly, remember God's plan, without sin and a fall, there would be no need for a Savior.

Death was the promised result

Genesis 2:16-17 *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 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."*

- First - separation from God. Become an enemy of God.
- Secondly - physical death.
- The final aspect of death - eternal separation.

The fact that Adam and Eve had a mind will and emotions, they had the ability to choose to listen to Satan or not. God knew ahead of time what they would choose.

Genesis 3:1-6....." 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.

Notice that Satan didn't grab a hold of her and force her to eat the fruit. She doubted God's word and His goodness.

When we are tempted by sin, the solution isn't to focus on Satan and "pray him away", but the real issue is our lack of knowing God! Satan doesn't need to be our focus, God does.

God promised Death if they disobeyed.

What was the first physical death recorded? Genesis 3:21 *And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Animals to cover their nakedness.* God clothed them. That is grace!!

God also promised a Deliverer right after the fall! How could He do that so fast?
Because He predetermined the plan before the foundation of the world!!

*Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

This is God's grace!!

He predetermined the plan, He set up the plan and He carried out the plan.