

The Journey

Series 02: Corruption

Week 11: God Covers Nakedness; Removes from Garden

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Review (Where We Have Been)

A Quick Recap...

- Adam and Eve sinned by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
Genesis 3:6 (ESV) ...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
- Adam and Eve would die because of their sin
Genesis 2:17 (ESV) ...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.
 - ✓ **Spiritual Death (immediate)** – separation from a relationship with God
 - ✓ **Physical Death (future)** – separation of soul and spirit from the body
 - ✓ **Eternal Death (forever)** - separation from God eternally
- Adam represented all mankind in the garden; therefore, all are sentenced to death
Romans 5:12 (ESV) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...
- God promised to destroy Satan and send a Deliverer (first gospel)
Genesis 3:15 (ESV) 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.”
“In the midst of the curse passage, a message of hope shone forth—the woman’s offspring called ‘He’ is Christ, who will one day defeat the Serpent. Satan could only ‘bruise’ Christ’s heel (cause him to suffer), while Christ will bruise Satan’s head (destroy him with a fatal blow).” – John MacArthur

BIG Idea

Where do Adam and Eve go from here? They had to balance between impending death and the promised Deliverer.

HOPE is found in Who God is!

Merciful – God didn’t send them immediately to the eternal death they deserved
Gracious – God would send a Deliverer to save them from spiritual/eternal death

“Adam and Eve couldn’t “fix” themselves. They tried. God, by His own initiative, demonstrated what is required to restore their relationship with Him.” – Firm Foundations.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Four Pictures of God's Mercy and Grace...

- **Adam expresses faith in God's promise of a Deliverer**
Genesis 3:20 (ESV) The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
 - ✓ Adam names the woman Eve, which means *life-giver*
 - The woman had not been given a name up to this point
 - She had been called *female, helper, woman, wife* – but no proper name
 - ✓ Eve was not a mother at the time, nor was she pregnant (why named life giver?)
 - ✓ Adam named her in faith, trusting God would bring forth a deliverer from the woman because God said He would defeat Satan through the *Offspring of the woman* (Genesis 3:15)
 - ✓ This is most likely Adam's salvation moment (saved from power/penalty of sin)

- **God clothes Adam and Eve** (they had already attempted to clothe themselves)
Genesis 3:7 (ESV) Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** 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. **21** And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
God did not tell Adam and Eve to kill animals to provide themselves with clothes. He had to be the One to provide them with an acceptable covering.
 - ✓ **God** killed the animals (the first death ever)
 - ✓ **God** shed the animals' blood
 - ✓ **God** took the skins off the animals
 - ✓ **God** made clothing for Adam and Eve

What was God demonstrating? He alone can make sinners acceptable to Him

Because they were guilty of disobedience, what did Adam and Eve deserve? *God's judgment on their sin.*

By clothing them, even though they did not deserve it, what was God showing? *That He is merciful and gracious.*

The covering had to be through the means of death, since death alone pays for sin.

■ God removed Adam and Eve from the garden

Genesis 3:22 (ESV) Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” **23** therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. **24** He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

- ✓ Mankind had come to know sin by experience and was sentenced to death
- ✓ God kicked them out of the garden so they wouldn’t eat from the tree of life
“God’s concern may have been that man not live forever in his pitifully cursed condition. Taken in the broader context of Scripture, driving the man and his wife out of the garden was an act of merciful grace to prevent them from being sustained forever by the tree of life.” – John MacArthur
- ✓ God left the garden of Eden in place (maybe as a reminder of what was lost) and stationed cherubim to guard the way to the tree of Life

■ Eve expresses faith in God’s promise of a Deliverer

Genesis 4:1 (ESV) Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.”

- ✓ The first children would be born outside the garden and into sin
- ✓ The firstborn of Adam and Eve was named Cain, meaning *acquired* or literally, *I’ve got him; Here he is*
- ✓ Eve believed in God’s promise to send a Deliverer, someone to destroy Satan
“In Genesis 4 we see evidence of a very different Eve. Instead of waffling on the truth of God’s words as she did in *Genesis 3*, we see a woman who has hope in God’s promise of a Savior who would crush the serpent. Instead of focusing on her past failures, she clung to God’s promise for the future.” - Dr. Georgia Purdom from *Answers in Genesis*
- ✓ This is most likely Eve’s salvation moment

Application (What We Need to Do)

A person gets saved by grace through faith, believing the promises of God for a Savior. People believe in the promise that God was going to send this seed and crush the head of the snake.

John 3:16 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.