

Genesis 3 – 22 August 2019

“The Perfect Life”

“The Original Plan To Be With God Forever”

Introduction –

1. Free will is absolutely necessary
 - a. The ultimate difficulty with having free will is our rebellion against God.
 - b. The ultimate benefit of having free will is the ability to love God.
2. The perfect life for us is gaining all that a perfect God has to offer.
3. Gaining the perfect relationship with God is meaningless unless we choose this relationship.
4. God (in great love/grace) choose to allow us into a relationship with Him!!!

Today we'll see the 3 steps that we all must take in God's plan to be with Him Forever

Read Vs 1 - Satan

1. He fell into corruption himself b/c of pride
 - a. Eze 28:14-15 – He was perfect from his creation until pride was found in him
 - b. Gen 1:31 – 7th Day of creation, God declared all He had made was “very good”.
 - c. Job 38:7 – He was at the creation of the earth in his perfect state. (All the stars sang...)
 - d. Isa 14:12-15 – 5 “I will” statements
 - e. The 4 falls of Satan
 - i. The fall from glory – Isa 14
 - ii. The fall from heaven – Rev 12
 - iii. The fall into the bottomless pit – Rev 20:3
 - iv. The fall into the Lake of Fire – Reve 20:10
2. He “was more subtle”
 - a. More crafty, prudent and deceptive.
 - b. He can transform himself in an angel of light (II Cor 11:14)
 - c. He comes to mankind in an appealing way.

- d. Notice in vs 1 the temptation is just to get you to doubt or question God.

1st step we all take toward being w/ God forever is: we all separate ourselves from this perfect life by our own choices.

Read Vs 2-3 - *We choose to not believe God's complete Word.*

1. Notice what God really said in Gen 2:16-17
2. God means to be very precise w/ His Word.
 - a. Gal 3:16 – Seed as of one, not plural.
 - b. Matt 22:31-32 – I am the God of Abraham not I was the God of Abraham.

Read Vs 4

1. Notice that Satan's subtle temptation to doubt has turned the temptation to outright deny God's Word.
 - a. John 8:44 – devil: he is the father of lies.

Read Vs 5

1. *We choose to be discontent and not satisfied.*
 - a. There's always something more, but it's not ours.
 - b. Even for Satan, he wanted more, to be like God.
2. We need to answer the question: Is God good?
 - a. *Satan is tempting them to doubt God's goodness.*
 - b. Is God keeping you from good things? Or is God only keeping you from harmful things?

Read Vs 6

1. *We choose to pursue temporary happiness rather than eternal joy.*
 - a. Notice that she chose physical pleasure over her spiritual relationship with God.
 - b. These are the same physical temptations that we all face.

- i. I John 2:16 – All that is in the world...
 - ii. I Cor 10:13 – temptation is common to man
- 2. Satan's Only Three Speeches
 - a. Gen 3 – Disparaging God to man
 - b. Job 2 – Disparaging man to God
 - c. Matt 4 – Attempts to disparage the God-man unto his ultimate demise!
- 3. Jesus was tempted in all same ways as we are
 - a. Stone to Bread – Physical
 - b. Cast yourself down – Mental
 - c. Give the kingdoms, if bow – Spiritual
- 4. Eve had all the power to choose spiritual life over spiritual death but didn't.
 - a. Like Jesus all she had to do was
 - i. Stand on God's complete Word.
 - ii. Be satisfied in her position in God.
 - iii. Pursuit the eternal, not the temporary.
 - b. Eve chose the temporary food; Jesus chose the eternal food. (John 4:33-34)

2nd step we all take toward being w/ God forever is: we all find our efforts are helpless to regain the perfect life.

Read Vs 7

1. We're made body, soul and spirit, to be driven by the spirit. Now in fallen state we're driven by the physical.
 - a. Eph 2:3 – B4 salvation, we served the flesh
 - b. John 3 – Told Nicodemus, to be born again.
 - i. This re-inverts us w/ the ability to serve the spirit.
2. *Although they covered their bodies, they were helpless to cover their shame & guilt.*
3. Isn't it true that we offer cover the task with a good face, but we're completely empty just below the surface?
 - a. We set ourselves to great pursuits but we're dying on the inside.

- b. We cover ourselves with a smile, but we feel helpless to be loved on the inside.

Read Vs 8

1. They could no longer be in the presence of God as they were. There is now a separation.
2. *We were helpless to experience peace & joy in the presence of God.*
3. Many people just keep themselves busy as a form of hiding from God.
 - a. When the real problem is, they have no peace or rest in their life.
 - b. Read Isa 1:18
 - c. Read Matt 11:28

Read Vs 9-11

1. Now God asks questions not b/c He doesn't know the answers but b/c he wants us to confess the truth to ourselves and Him.
 - a. Wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective.

Read Vs 12-13

1. This is where 'passing the buck' began!
2. *We are helpless to take personal responsibility for our condition.*
3. Read John 8:31-36
4. Can't rely on heritage or family, YOUR PERSONAL sin needs to be dealt with.

3rd step we all take toward being w/ God forever is: we all must accept God's work on our behalf to regain the perfect life.

Read Vs 14

1. *We must accept God's work of defeating Satan.*
2. Just as Eve had the power to defeat him with the Word of God, so too do we.
3. We could never do this work
 - a. We were made a little lower than the angels. (Psm 8)
 - b. Even Michael said, "the Lord rebuke thee".

Read Vs 15

1. This prophecy speaks of a virgin birth to come.
2. The singular 'seed' to come (Christ) will crush Satan's head.
3. *We must accept God's work of sending His Savior break the rule of Satan over his servants.*
 - a. You are the servants of the one you obey.
4. Satan will "bruise His heel"
 - a. Notice that it cost Him...what love!

Read Vs 16-19

1. *We must accept God's work of continually proving to us that we need to daily rely on Him.*
 - a. He brings trial & humbling into our lives to keep us needing His perfect help.
 - b. Read Deut 8:2-3
2. Some of the specific trials we'll face
 - a. Vs 16 – For Women
 - i. Childbearing will be difficult
 - ii. Husband will rule over thee
 1. This speaks of order not inequality.
 - b. Vs 17-19 – For Men
 - i. Having dominion over the earth will be difficult
 - ii. Getting food will be difficult
 1. Can't just take from the tree now
3. This is all a part of the original plan of redemption to continually show us our need for God to work on our behalf!

Read Vs 20-21

1. *We must accept God's blood sacrifice on our behalf for the remission of sins.*
2. They didn't need leaves but a lamb!
3. We don't need traditions or customs; we need the triumph of the cross!
4. This has always been God's plan!

Read Vs 22-24

1. *We must accept that God limits paths that would hinder our redemption.*
2. God plan of redemption was to redeem us back to perfection, not to let us live forever within sin.
3. This is an act of mercy for God to prevent us from having all ability in a fallen/sinful state.
 - a. Seas after Flood of Noah – to separate us.
 - b. Tower of Babel – separate men

Conclusion –

We've looked at the 3 steps that we all must take in God's plan to be with Him forever.

1. **#1 – We all separate ourselves from the perfect life by our own choice.**
 - a. II Cor 11:3
 - b. Do like Jesus & be satisfied to stand upon the complete Word focused on the eternal.
2. **#2 – We all must find our efforts helpless to regain the perfect life.**
 - a. R u making efforts to cover ur guilt/shame?
 - b. Do you see we are helpless to have rest and joy apart from Christ?
3. **#3 – We all must accept God's work on our behalf to regain the perfect life.**
 - a. Jesus proved Himself thru His life & then gave His very blood life to take us with Himself to heaven

THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOD'S PLAN!!!