

Genesis Series – Part 2 - The Fall of Man

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Good morning and welcome back to week two of our study of the book of Genesis. Last week we covered chapters one and two, which explain the origins of our universe, our planet, everything we hear, smell, touch, taste, and see and ultimately explain the origin of man.

As I was thinking about the profound nature of the book of Genesis my mind kept returning to the first 5 words, and how they have so profoundly impacted my life.

“In the beginning God created”

- In the beginning, origination, or the birthing place, the start of things
- God, a personal knowable being. This first verse also powerfully communicates ownership, rulership, and authority
- Creator, artist, craftsman; more about his character. He creates life. When he creates life, he creates life that creates life.

How much of my life has been so greatly impacted by these five words, and how much of the pain and suffering of this world is caused by rejecting them?

We see he created in increasing complexity, light, sky, water, land, then he adds vegetation to the land, and to the sky he adds the stars and the sun and the moon and sun.

To the sky. Again, he adds the birds to fly the sky. To the water he adds ever-living creatures in the sea. To the land every creature that moves across the land.

Ultimately, he creates man in his image, male and female, they were created to fellowship with God and to rule over his creation.

It's beautiful!

Genesis 1:31

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

In chapter 2 we learned about the day of rest, and we learned more about the pinnacle of God's creation. Man and woman, the provision of the garden, the provision of marriage.

Genesis 2:25

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Let's not underestimate the power of this final words...

Genesis 3

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

1. The fall of man broke our trust in God’s word. “Did God really say?”

It doesn’t deny the existence of God.

It doesn’t deny that God says things.

Satan isn’t after facts about what was said. He is after trust.

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

2. The fall of man broke our trust in his character. “You will not certainly die”

- We are no longer clarifying the facts of what God said. We are now calling God a liar.
- God is holding out of you.
- Which is crazy. Because so far at every point of need God has delivered.

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

What is the fall of man? Listening to another voice, listening to your own voice and not the voice of God. Coming out of agreement with God and into agreement with the deceiver, then trusting his own desires over the wisdom of God.

3. The fall of man caused us to then trust our own desires over the wisdom of God.

Galatians 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Shame - Fear - Control

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Romans 5:17

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

- Return to trusting his Word.
- Return to trusting his Character.
- Return to trusting his Wisdom.