

Series: JD's Notes

Sermon: What Is WRONG With Us (Part 1)

Genesis 3:1-9

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

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*Now, 35 years later, I realize how permanent are the evil impulses and instincts in us and how little they seem to change, like greed for wealth and power, and how mere social machinery will never change that. We must ask better things from human nature, but will we get a response? No amount of science or knowledge has been of any avail, and unless we curb the bad impulse, how will we get better social institutions?"*

Translation: What is **WRONG** with us?

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### **A Poisoned Attitude**

Truly a brilliant strategy because once the attitude is poisoned then the action is a mere reflex!

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GUARD WHO SETS YOUR ATMOSPHERE because attitudes are contagious. Guard who sets your kids attitude...

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**Attitude is Poisoned and Discernment Becomes Distorted (lies become truth)**

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LIE IS CENTERED AROUND DENYING THE ESSENTIAL GOODNESS of GOD!

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**Attitude is Poisoned, Lie Has Taken Root, and the WILL SURRENDERS**

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Everything that wrong with the world is rooted in this truth: We have put ourselves in the place of God! This is the SIN behind all other sins.

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History of the World: from the moment they sinned, man became HIDERS!

Man became Hiders, but GOD BECAME THE SEEKER!

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Original TREE SIN – We put ourselves where only God deserves to be!

Tree of the CROSS – GOD PUT HIMSELF WHERE WE DESERVE TO BE!

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