

Date: 1-21-2023 Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13 (LSB) Sermon Title: From Creation to Confession

Context:

Three Biblical Truths to learn from Genesis 1 – 2:3

- 1. Creation God the creator made no mistakes in creation.
- 2. The Image of God Every man and woman have been created to reflect the character and glory of God.
- 3. God lived with mankind God's intention from creation is to <u>live</u> with and in relationship with His treasured creation.

Genesis 2: 24-25 (LSB)

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1. How would you describe Adam & Eve's relationship with each other and with God before sin?

Genesis 3:1-3 (LSB)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God said, 'You shall not eat from it, and you shall not touch it, lest you die.'"

Revelation 12:9 (LSB)

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- 1. What is the serpent that is described in Genesis chapter 3? Is this a talking snake? A talking snake under the influence from satan? Is the serpent a spiritual being?
- 2. Why do you think Eve added to what God said?
- 3. What is legalism? How does it impact our view of God and others?

The deception started with _____.

Genesis 3:4-5 (LSB)

4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

1. Why do we want to be like God? In what ways to we try and be the god of our own lives?

Genesis 3:6 (LSB)

6 Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make [one] wise, so she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

- 1. Eve placed value on the food. In what ways do we use value to justify our sin?
- 2. The fruit looked good to Eve. In what ways to we use attractiveness or desirability to justify our sin?
- 3. Would God allow us to have desires that were sin?

Deception seems _____.

How do we deal with our sin problem?

Genesis 3:7 (LSB)

7 And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

- 1. What did Adam and Eve do to deal with their sin?
- 2. What happened when their eyes were open?

Before sin they were naked and not ashamed. After sin they realized their nakedness which produced shame.

- 3. How does shame impact our lives?
- 4. What does it do to our identity, purpose, and value?

We attempt to deal with our sin on our _____.

Genesis 3:8-11 (LSB)

8 Then they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God in the midst of the trees of the garden. 9 Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of 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 of which I commanded you not to eat?"

1. How did sin impact Adam and Eve's view of God?

2. Did God really need to ask where they were or what they had done? Why would he ask something when He already knew the answer?

We _____ from God.

Genesis 3:12-13 (LSB)

12 And the man said, "The woman whom You gave [to be] with me, she gave to me from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then Yahweh God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

1. Who do Adam and Eve blame for their actions?

We blame _____ for ____ choices.

Where is the Hope?

In their sin God _____ them out.

Genesis 3:9 (LSB)

9 Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

There are consequences to sin, but you have not lost your value, purpose, or identity.

- 1. Why is it important that God sought out Adam & Eve before they sought Him out?
- 2. What kind of implications does this hold for us?

Steps to deal with sin.

1. _____.

- a. Confession of sins.
 - i. Private sins confessed privately.
 - ii. Public sins professed publicly.
- b. Confession of God's grace and forgiveness.
- 2. Do not _____.
 - a. Engage in personal relationships don't avoid.
 - i. Family
 - ii. Friends
 - iii. Co-workers
 - iv. Hobbies
 - b. Go to church.
- 3. Accept _____.
 - a. Admit and accept responsibility for your choices.
 - b. Do not own someone else's choices.
 - c. You can't live in the past. You must find a way to move forward.