



**“If we did not have Genesis 2:4-25, we would have no idea how much was lost in Adam’s bite of the fruit.” — Kenneth Matthews**

**“Western societies, especially America, having sacrificed the notion of human accountability, foster a culture of victimization. In the words of the old Anna Russell song, “But I am happy. I have learned the lesson this has taught: That everything I do is someone’s else’s fault’ Victimization is a growth industry: thousands of lawyers can’t be wrong.” — Don Carson**

**“It is difficult to overstate the horrendous impact of this one act of disobedience-all human history has felt its repercussions. Prior to the fall into sin, there was simply no pain, no aching longing that went unmet, no disease, and no death. No one was sinned against or sinned against another. Apart from an act of amazing grace, the outlook for man the man and the woman was absolutely bleak.”  
— Ian Vaillancourt**

**“God’s first word to fallen man has all the marks of grace. It is a question, since to help him he must draw rather than drive him out of hiding.” — Derek Kidner**

**“Although God drives the couple out of the garden, this is a gracious act because it keeps them from partaking of the tree of life and living forever. If they would have partaken of the tree of life in their state of sin, the future hope of restoration would not have been possible because they would have been established in their own moral autonomy without hope of change. In this way, physical death is not final because there is the hope of restoration in this life and the hope of life after death. This aspect of God’s grace is so important that God sets up cherubim to guard the way to the tree of life.”**

**— Richard Belcher**