

## Genesis 2,3

### **2:15-17**

Tremendous freedom; 1 prohibition

This prohibition, it may be argued, is what allows for the exercise of our free wills

Without choice, there is no genuine freedom; nor true love

### **2:18-21**

God showing man that there is truly no animal comparable to him. We haven't evolved to a higher form of animal, we are a species incomparable to the animal world.

Our dignity is given to us here (and in the Image bearing) that other worldviews cannot offer

### **2:21,22**

The way God provides a bride for the first Adam is the way He will provide a bride for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, Jesus

**II Corinthians 11:2** "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I have espoused you to 1 husband, that I may present you a chaste virgin to Christ."

### **2:23**

First ever recorded words from a man's mouth; a love poem

### **2:24**

Jesus also leaves His Father (**John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; John 6:38**)

...and His mother (**John 19:25-27**)

### **2:25**

Speaks to their purity, as our shame today speaks to our impurity

### **3:1**

Every sin we commit takes the form of "Hath God indeed said?"

### **3:2,3**

The tree that is in the midst of the garden is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

There is another tree in the midst of 2 gardens (Gethsemane and the Garden of His tomb). This tree in the midst of these 2 gardens is the cross

(The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree) **Acts 5:30**

This tree (cross) is both the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

**3:4,5**

What began as a subtle attack on God's Word developed into an outright claim that God is a liar.

**3:6**

This is the act that brings the curse of death onto the entire world. Jesus promises that through Him, though we die, we shall live. So, He undoes the curse, by reversal.

**3:7**

Their eyes were opened and they knew their shame. Compare with **Luke 24:31**

**3:7**

They who knew no shame in their nakedness now are hiding themselves from one another, as they will soon both be hiding from God.

This covering will not be accepted by God.

**3:8**

Now they are hiding from God as well

**3:9-11**

Why would an omniscient God need to ask questions?

**3:12**

Who does Adam blame?

**3:13a**

More questions from an omniscient God. Why?

**3:13b**

The blame game continues

**3:14**

Note: There is no question for the serpent to answer  
See also **Revelation 20:10**

**3:15**

The Protoevangelium

Biological error in her seed? Only resolved with a virgin birth  
Bruising of the head is lethal while the bruising of the heel is painful

**3:16**

The curse of the woman

**3:17b**

This is reversed in Noah (**5:29**)

**3:18,19**

This is reversed in Jesus on the cross

**3:20**

It is remarkable that Adam saw this in his wife, that she would mother all the living in the midst of her being cursed.

**3:21**

Their ineffective works righteousness of **3:7** is now replaced by God's sacrifice of an animal (Lamb?) to cover their shame. God here makes the 1<sup>st</sup> sacrifice. And He will also make the last one.

**3:22-24**

The tremendous mercy of God