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Sermon Series

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Pt. 1 - Your Greatest Advantage

Genesis 3:6-15 NIV

6 When 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.

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.

Genesis 3:6-15 NIV

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.”

Genesis 3:6-15 NIV

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.

Genesis 3:6-15 NIV

**14 So the LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of
your life.**

**15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”**

Genesis 3:15 NIV

Realize that we are in hostile territory, God's kingdom is surrounded by hostile kingdoms, but we are advancing in God's kingdom and thus God's kingdom is advancing in the world's kingdoms.

Eph 2:1-3 NIV - the god of this world

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

3 LENSES FOR UNDERSTANDING BIBLE/LIFE

GEN 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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GEN 1:26

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule...

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GEN 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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3 ASPECTS IN GEN 3:6

ACTION

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PERCEPTION

..the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye



MOTIVE

..desirable for gaining wisdom

3 FAILURES IN GEN 3:6

ACTION **X**

..she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

← PERCEPTION **X**

..the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye

← MOTIVE **X**

..desirable for gaining wisdom

3 FRUITS WE WANT IN LIFE

HAPPINESS

SUCCESS

WEALTH

ACTION

← PERCEPTION

← MOTIVE

YOUR GREATEST ADVANTAGE

HAPPINESS

SUCCESS

WEALTH

ACTION



PERCEPTION



MOTIVE

Matt 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1 Cor 2:10-12

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Col 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Other Notes

James 3:13-18 NIV - Two Kinds of Wisdom

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Other Notes

Knowing Your Enemy

3 enemies are the sinful nature, the world system, satan and fallen angels

Regarding Satan/the devil

- 1. Satan is a created being just like you and me, and thus subject to God's judgment just like we are**
- 2. He was given a certain level of authority by God prior to his rebellion**
- 3. Satan builds nothing original, but tries to distort everything God created and established that he touches**
- 4. God's angel created to bring him glory became God's enemy, the first act of betrayal in a relationship that pictures all acts of betrayal**
- 5. The devil cannot force you to do something, he can only influence you**
- 6. The devil's number one weapon is deception**