

Sin Is Our Root Problem

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Text: Genesis 3:1-21

Introduction

How do things get so bad? Maybe that's just the way it is...

Sin is our root problem: The lesson of Gen 3:1-21

1. We are created in God's image and likeness for Shalom - *naked and not ashamed*
2. Sin entered the world with a false promise - *Your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God*
3. It didn't turn out as expected - *the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked*
4. Their harmonious relationship with God was broken and replaced with a new one - *curses and coverings.*

Sin's initial damage: Gen 1-11

Examples of Race and Racism in Scripture

Gen 10: The peopling of the earth

Num 11: An example of racist behavior?

Is 2:2-4: Isaiah's vision of a multi-ethnic Israel

Acts 8:26-40: Salvation of a black African eunuch

Col 3:11: Distinctions exist, hierarchy does not.

Examples of Race and Racism in Interpretation

Gen 9:20-27: A tragic history

Conclusion

Sin is not the way it's supposed to be