

Dec 4 2022 HANDOUT Part One: "The Gift Lost!" Genesis 3:1-3:15

We are Going to go back to Genesis and the Garden of Eden...Where The Gift of Innocence and Complete Righteousness was...LOST! Of all the 1,189 chapters in the Bible, Genesis 3 is without question the Most Tragic; for when Sin Entered the World, Catastrophic Consequences Began Immediately.

- Every Bad thing that Happens in this World, Disease, Death, Divorce, Depression, or Destitution is Rooted in the Events of Genesis 3...The FALL OF MANKIND. **READ GENESIS 3: 1-15**

Sin didn't begin on earth? Sin Began In Heaven! Lucifer was cast out of Heaven because of his Sin...And *through him, iniquity entered the Garden of Eden full grown, disguised as a serpent.*

Think About this...Eve had God's Word Spoken Directly to Her...So When Satan Tried to Entice Her...If She Would Have Responded with "*Thus Saith the Lord.*" Satan would Have Lost and We Would Still Be Living in Paradise! **Daily Saying Thus Saith the Lord is a Perfect Lesson for You and Me today!!**

- Satan Appealed to Eve's Intellect, Opening with a 3-fold Doubt. A Direct Attack Upon The Word of God...In her reply Eve "*Misquoted*" God's Word, which Opened the door to Sin. **Genesis 3: 2-5**

After Casting Doubt...Satan directed Eve's Gaze to the Forbidden Tree. He made her see how "Good" it was for Food, how "Pleasant" it was to the Eyes, how much to be Desired to Make One Wise.

- **KEY POINT: He Persuaded EVE to Act Independently of God. [Does Same to US]**
- Satan began with a doubt...Once the doubt was entertained he followed up with a denial. "Ye Shall NOT Surely Die." **A Flat Contradiction of What God had Said.**
- The whole temptation hinged on the matter Who Would Eve believe, Satan or God?
- Satan follows the doubt & denial with a delusion. "**Ye Shall Be As Gods, Knowing Good and Evil.**"

Satan put the same Warped thought that had once Entered his Own Mind into Hers. The bait cast before her, Eve Threw Away her Innocence for An Illusion...A LIE!!!

Adam's Temptation proceeded differently. Satan didn't tempt Adam at all; he let Eve do that. **Genesis 3:6.**

Eve, "Saw," that is, her gaze was directed fully upon the forbidden fruit. Satan's aim was...and Still is for Us today...to Turn the Look into a LUST. **We Say, "There's No Harm in Looking!" BUT THERE IS!**

- Eve saw that the tree was good for food (**Lust of the Flesh**), that it was pleasant to the eyes (**Lust of the Eyes**) and that it was a tree to be desired to make one wise (**Pride of Life**).

NOTE: Satan was so Successful with those 3 ingredients he's used them ever since to Tempt All Mankind...And Today He Uses Them to Get US to Take Our Eyes Off God.

- Eve "Took." [*Desire Turned into a Decision*]. Then we read she "Did Eat." **Satan Turned Eve's Choice into a Chain of Slavery to Sin. She was now His...A Sinner!**

Finally we read that Eve "Gave"...Satan's Final Aim...*Turn the Sinner into a Seducer!* Adam was Not Deceived. He Sinned with his Eyes Wide Open.

- Seeing the woman he loved in all her fallen condition, knowing there was no way he could bring her back to innocence again, and loving her as he did, he Deliberately Stooped Down to Where She Was to Become Like Her. **He Deliberately Followed his Heart into Sin.**

Vs-7 Then "they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons." **Wrong Decision. Those fig leaves represent man's earliest attempt to cover up his sin.** They represent Every Effort of Man to Do Something to Make Himself Fit for the Presence of God...

And Men and women are still doing that today! Trying to Cover Up what Only God Can Make Clean! In Psalm 51 David Realized Only God could Make Him Righteous Again, "Cleanse me and I will be Clean"

VS 8 says, *When they Heard the Voice of God, they FLED, they Hid Themselves.* For the First Time in Their Lives – They Feared God. **[This is Always the Outcome of Sin] READ GENESIS 3:9-24**

Genesis 3:12...God went straight to the heart of the matter. Adam must be made to confess his sin...But Adam begins to play "The Blame Game". Adam attempted to blame Eve for his sin. "The Woman" Then he went so far as to Blame God. "That You Gave Me."

Note: God dealt with Satan then and there and declared war upon him...In that declaration of war Adam and Eve heard the gospel message for the very first time.

Genesis 3:15! *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it {JESUS CHRIST} shall bruise thy head {Fatal}, and thou shalt bruise his heel".*

- **God Decreed to Resolve Forever the Problem of Sin when He Sent His Son to Die.**

In his sentence Satan Discovered he had Fallen into an Ambush Prepared for him from Before Time Began. The planet upon which Satan had sought his vengeance would become the place for the final battle.

Because of the Sin of Adam there would be Sorrow Upon the Woman – Sorrow Centering in the area of Bringing Children into the World. And because of the Sin of Adam there Would Now be Death.

- Death is a horrifying thing...Some Men mock it...They joke about it.
- *But Death is still the Great Leveler...The King of Terrors...The Last Enemy...The Final Catastrophe this Side of Eternity.*

We finally come to the best part of the story...The Only Attributes we saw of God in the first 2 chapters were things like Power, Glory and Magnificence.

- But Now that SIN has Entered the Scene...We See Another Side of God. We see His Holiness as He Deals with Sin and We Also See His Love as He Deals with Sinners.
- **He moves in to rescue those who had fallen, Providing Salvation through Grace.**

KEY POINT: In Eden, Paradise itself, BLOOD was Shed for the very First Time. Adam and Eve must have stood in awe as they saw the creature taken in their stead and slaughtered before their eyes.

FACT: It was the First Dramatic Illustration of the Ultimate Cost of Calvary.

Sin is a "Radical Disease", and it calls for a "Radical Cure". That cure came 4000 years later outside of Jerusalem when The Lamb of God Died for the Sins of the World.

6000 YEARS AGO...All Mankind Fell and On Our Own...We Could Not Get Up Again!

There was NO WAY Man Could Be Reconciled Unto God ON His Own!

2000 YEARS AGO...**GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE GIVEN IN GENESIS 3:15 OF A FREE GIFT! JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS! AND CRUSHED SATANS HEAD!!**

"LIFE" POINT: THE "GIFT" HAS BEEN GIVEN...BUT WE MUST CHOOSE TO RECEIVE IT!

Have You Received the FREE GIFT...This Morning IS Jesus Christ Your Hope? As we begin the Advent season...as we Celebrate Gods Greatest Gift of Salvation, Are You Able to "Personally" Celebrate Christ as Your Savior?

If you have Never Thanked Jesus for Dying for Your Sins and Asked Him to Forgive You of Your Sins And Become Your Lord and Savior ...Why Not Do it Today?