

Genesis

Chapter Three

The Fall

The Act Of Rebellion

- In this chapter of Genesis, history takes a turn when Adam and Eve rebelled against God and nothing has been the same since.
- The Act of rebellion effected Adam and Eve's relationship with God and changed forever all mankind who are now born in sin with the exception of Jesus.
- This sin is what introduced misery, pain, wars, and death into the world and into the lives of every human being.

Two Ways To Live

Independent of God

We live under our leadership and kingdom. We reason and act outside of the protection of God building false systems of living. Results ultimately in the demise of man and culture as he sinks deeper into life without God

Dependent upon God

We live under the leadership and protection of God and trust Him and His word. This leads to life and righteousness

- “Hear the word of the LORD, You children of Israel, for the LORD brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: **There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land.** By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed upon bloodshed. Therefore the land will mourn; and everyone who dwells there will waste away with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air; even the fish of the sea will be taken away.”**-Hosea 4:1-3**

Death In Adam, Life In Jesus

- “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”-**Romans 5:12-21**

Genesis 3:1-5

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

Then the serpent said to the woman,
 “You will not surely die. For God
 knows that in the day you eat of it
 your eyes will be opened, and you will
 be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The Serpent

- Who is the Serpent?
- The text here does not by itself alone clarify the identity of the serpent but the rest of the Bible spells it out very clearly.
- The Hebrew word for “serpent” is “*n-ochesh*” which literally means to “*hiss a magic spell*” but is always used in Scripture to mean “serpent”.

- However, “*n-ochesh*” in Hebrew can also be a verb when the vowels are changed and “*nochosh*” means “the diviner, or the practice of divination”.
- The Serpent is a divine adversary who is dispensing divine information and using it to entice Eve. He gives her a word: “You won’t really die and God knows you will be like Him.”

- “So the great dragon was cast out, **that serpent of old**, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”-**Revelation 12:9**
- “He laid hold of the dragon, **that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years...”-**Revelation 20:2**

The Serpent Is Satan

- The serpent is a real serpent but at this moment is possessed by Satan.
- The serpent is the enemy of the seed of the woman (Messiah) in Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12:9
- Satan in Scripture is capable of possessing or speaking through others.
- The serpent (Satan) spoke through Peter in **Matthew 16:23**.
- The serpent (Satan) entered Judas in **Luke 22:3**.

	<u>Hebrew</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Dragon	Tanniyin Isaiah 27:1	Dragon, serpent, sea monster	<i>Drakon</i> Rev. 12:3,4,7	Dragon
Serpent	<i>Nachash</i> Gen 3:1,2,14	Snake, Fleeing Serpent	<i>Ophis</i> 2 Cor.11:3, Rev. 20:2	Snake
Devil	<i>Shed</i> De. 32:17	Demon	<i>Diabolos</i> Matthew 4:8	Slanderous
Satan	<i>Satan</i> Job 1:6,7,8	Adversary	<i>Satanas</i> I Tim 2:18	Adversary
Lucifer	<i>Helel</i> Isaiah 14:12	Star of the Morning; Sun of Dawn		

The Origin Of Satan

- Satan or Lucifer is a angelic being created by God.
- "Then God saw **everything that He had made**, and indeed it was **very good**. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."-**Genesis 1:31**
- Lucifer in the beginning was a good angel.
- He was part of the hierarchy of angelic cherubim.
- "You were the **seal of perfection**, full of wisdom and **perfect** in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on **the day you were created**. **You were the anointed cherub** who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. **You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.**"-**Ezekiel 28:12-15**

The Angels Were Present At Creation

- Satan as a son of God witnessed creation and would have probably heard the prohibition given to Adam to not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, **when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**"-**Job 38:4-7**

The Serpent Is Cunning

- “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.”-Vs. 1
- The character of the serpent is said to be “cunning”. In Hebrew it is “*arum*”.
- “*Arum*” is used in the book of Proverbs to mean “prudent,” “shrewd,” “clever.” This is the opposite of being a “fool” or “simple”.
- The use of “*arum*” in this case indicates that the serpent has use of planning and strategy to manipulate the circumstance.

- “But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness**, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”-**2 Corinthians 11:3**
- “Crafty” literally means “many workings”—there is many roads of destruction but only one that leads to life.
- We cannot out smart Satan but we can overcome him through the power of blood of Jesus.
- “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb...”-**Revelation 12:11**

The Serpent Spoke

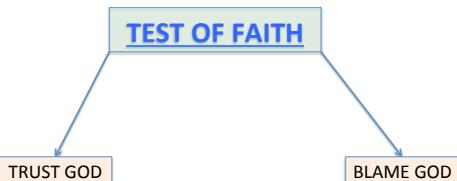
- The talking serpent is simply assumed and does not seem to shock the woman.
- The focus on the talking serpent is not that he speaks but in what he says.
- The serpent that was before the curse of 3:14-15, may have been very different than the serpent we know today.
- The creature that tempted Eve seems to have become a snake as a result of judgment.
- “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; **on your belly you shall go**”-**Genesis 3:14**

The Test In The Garden

“Did God Really Say...” Genesis 3:1	The Result Is Questioning The Word Of God
“You Must Not Touch It...” Genesis 3:3	The Result Is Adding To What God Says
“For God Knows....” Genesis 3:5	<u>The Result Is Doubting The Goodness Of God</u>
“The Woman Whom You Gave....” Genesis 3:12	The Result Is Blaming God For Doing Wrong
“The Serpent Deceived Me...” Genesis 3:13	The Result Is Blaming The Serpent For Doing Wrong
“The Woman Saw The Tree Was...Desirable...” Genesis 3:6	Adam And Eve’s Own Desire Caused The Sin
“The Tree Was...Pleasant To The Eyes...” Genesis 3:6	Adam And Eve Were Enticed By Lack Of Trust In God

- “Ignorance or disregard of God's Word makes one very vulnerable to temptation (Ps. 119:11). These conditions produce distrust, dissatisfaction, and finally disobedience. Failure to appreciate God's goodness leads to distrust of His goodness. God's prohibitions as well as His provisions are for our good.” - Constable

- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various (trials) **temptations** (vs.2)...Blessed is the man who endures **temptation**; for when he has been **tested**, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is **tempted**, “I am **tempted** by God”; for God cannot be **tempted** by evil, nor does He Himself **tempt** anyone. But each one is **tempted** when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” **-James 1:2;12-15**



The Response Of Temptation

- The same word or noun “*peirasmos*” is used for both ideas of “trials” in James 1:2, as it is (temptations) in verses 1:12-13.
- All of us go through various trials as a testing of our faith.
- The primary difference is not in the temptation but in the person's response to it.
- If a believer responds in faithful obedience to God's word and seeks Him the temptation or trial can be endured with wisdom according to James.**

- **If the person during a trial or temptation yields to the flesh doubting God and His goodness and becoming angry with God to the point of questioning His Goodness the temptation has given way to sin in the believer's life.**
- James says, " Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God...." (1:3)
- The temptation has moved from being a trial that needs be endured in relationship with God to a separation from God.
- A person who is going through financial difficulty blames God and steals believing himself to be justified because it is God's fault he is not able to meet his financial obligations.

Tests Of Faith

- All believers will be sooner or later be brought to a **crisis of faith** which will exhaust every human resource available to him.
- It is this crisis that teaches us to truly trust upon the Lord.
- If we base our lives upon God's Word we will be able to stand in the midst of the test, but **If we rely upon what we see or what we understand as Adam and Eve we will falter and move deeper into the abyss of darkness created by our own lack of trust.**

- "Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life."-**Psalm 119:49-50**
- "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?"-**Psalm 56:3-4**

- If we fail the test we shouldn't blame God for our sin but we should learn from it.
- So many get angry at God for their sinful behaviors when in reality they should be praising Him for His grace.
- "The foolishness of man ruins his way, and his heart rages against the Lord." -**Proverbs 19:3**
- God tests our faith to demonstrate man's shortcomings but never beyond what we can bear and He provides a way out.
- The way out is to live in His grace.
- "For it is good that the heart be established by grace,"-**Hebrews 13:9**

Genesis 3:6-7

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."

Eve Is Deceived

- Upon giving in to her temptation Eve acted upon her desire to do that which was contrary to God's will.
- Although the Serpent planted the seed to disobey God it was Eve's natural desires (her flesh) that produced the sin.
- Instead of listening to the Serpent's words, Eve should have spoken the Word of God to the Serpent as Jesus did during His temptation in the wilderness (Mathew 4:4,7,10).

Three Paths Of Temptation

- All three paths of temptation were present in the deception of Eve.
- Eve **saw, desired**, and then **acted** out her desire contrary to God's stated will.
- She saw that the tree was "good for food" (the lust of the flesh: **the desire to do something contrary to God's will** which in this case was to eat of the tree).

- The tree was "pleasant to the eyes" (the lust of the eyes: the **desire to have something apart from God's will**, i.e., possess the pleasant fruit).
- It was "desirable to make one wise" (the pride of life: **the desire to be something apart from God's will**, i.e., as wise as God, or gods).
- "It was the illegitimate quest for forbidden wisdom that led Eve to disobey God."-Sailhamer

Adam Was With Eve

- After eating the forbidden fruit Eve gave some to Adam who was standing with her.
- It was only after Adam "ate" that their eyes were opened.
- The problem of sin would not have entered the world if Adam had not taken the fruit.
- "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression."-**1 Timothy 2:14**
- "... Adam would never have dared oppose God's authority unless he had disbelieved in God's Word."-Calvin

- Adam was not deceived but sinned with his eyes wide open in disobedience to God's prohibition.
- Eve's sin was the sin of ignorance, while Adam's sin was the sin of willfulness.
- What God said would happen did happen and because of his sin, "sin entered the world, and death through sin" (Rom. 5:12) when Adam sinned—because Adam, not Eve, was the head of the human race under God's administration.

- "It is interesting to observe that when this sin is referred to throughout Scripture, it is not referred to as the sin of Eve—but rather as the sin of Adam! The phrase in verse 6, 'with her,' seems to suggest that Adam was at Eve's side when she was tempted by Satan. As God's theocratic administrator, and as the appointed head of the family, it was Adam's responsibility to safeguard Eve and to assure that she remained in submission to the command of God. But Adam failed in his God-given responsibility and permitted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit."—Pentecost

Their Eyes Are Opened

- What “wisdom” did Adam and Eve gain by choosing to disobey God?
- Once their eyes were opened they gained knowledge of separation between themselves and God.
- A conflict of differences have ruled man since that infamous day when man’s eyes were opened.

- A conflict between man and God (sin)
- A conflict between man and man (wars).
- A conflict between husband and wives (relational turmoil).
- A conflict between man and himself (psychological brokenness).
- A conflict between man and nature (ecological death and destruction)

The Problem Of Man

- The Bible teaches us that the problem with man is that people are born sinners, ever since Adam, born as slaves to their fleshly desires and tendencies.
- “For what I am doing, **I do not understand**. For what I will to **do**, that I **do** not practice; but what I hate, that I **do**. If, then, I **do** what I will not to **do**, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who **do** it, but sin that dwells in me.” - **Romans 7:15-17**

- The reason we sin is because of who we are!
- **We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because it is part of our nature to sin.**
- “Therefore as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin; and so death passed to all men, because all sinned.”-**Romans 5:12**
- Those who have **not** come to Jesus sin and love it justifying themselves by their good behavior.
- Those who have come to Jesus **hate sin** and although there may be a lapse into sin the believer **does not justify** it but despises sin.

The Truth Of Scripture

The flesh we are told:

- "For I know that in me (that is, in my **flesh**) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."-**Romans 7:18**
- "It is the Spirit who gives life; the **flesh** profits nothing."-**John 6:63**
- "So then, those who are in the **flesh** cannot please God."-**Romans 8:8**
- For the **flesh** lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the **flesh**; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."-**Galatians 5:17**

Are People Born Good?

- "If you believe people are born good, you will not stress character development when you raise children. You will have schools teach young people how to use condoms, how to avoid first and secondhand tobacco smoke, how to recycle and how to prevent rainforests from disappearing. You will teach them how to struggle against the evils of society -- its sexism, its racism, its classism and its homophobia. **But you will not teach them that the primary struggle they have to wage to make a better world is against their own nature**.....if you believe that people are basically good, God and religion are morally unnecessary, even harmful. Why would basically good people need a God or religion to provide moral standards? Therefore, the crowd that believes in innate human goodness tends to either be secular or to reduce God and religion to social workers, providers of compassion rather than of moral standards and moral judgments."-**Dennis Prager, "If you believe that people are basically good"**

- In our culture today it is not popular to say that, "there is something wrong with man".
- Society believes people are naturally good and people become bad through being influenced by evil cultures.
- However, it is interesting that we teach our children to do the right thing which goes against their corrupt nature which is to act bad.
- Human nature since the Fall is now thoroughly corrupt. All are sinners. We are born that way, we live that way and we will die that way. Sin is now the environment in which our world is subjected too.

Adam's Sin Affected Man

• Imputed Sin

- Impute means to attribute or ascribe or count something to someone
- Adam was the head, the leader, the representative of the human race
- Answer for imputed sin is imputed righteousness:
- "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience **many will be made righteous**."-**Romans 5:19**

- **Inherited Sin**

- We are born into a sinful state
- Sin Nature or flesh
- “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”-**Ephesians 2:1-3**
- Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.-**Psalms 51:5**
- Result is Total Depravity

Sewing Of Fig Leaves

- After being awakened to their newly discovered separation from each other “they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”
- In doing so they performed the very first religious act in history.
- They attempted to deal with their sin through the **work of their own hands**.

- Upon being separated from God their seems to be an attempt by man to “**cover up**” sin by the work of his own hands.
- In every religion that exists their seems to be an attempt to deal with sin with some form of **works righteousness**.
- “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and **seeking to establish** their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”-**Romans 10:3**

- “What value does the engraved image have, that its maker has engraved it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that **he who fashions its form trusts in it**, to make mute idols?”-**Habakkuk 2:18**
- “...and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, **that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart'**—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.”-**Deuteronomy 29:19**
- It is to be noted that the only thing that Jesus cursed upon earth was a fig tree (Matthew 21:18,19;Mark 11:12-14).

Genesis 3:8-11

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

The Lord Appears

- Adam and Eve before their sin would have enjoyed an intimate relationship with the Lord on a daily basis.
- Here the Lord appears casually walking in the garden looking for Adam and calling out to him.
- “Now, “in the cool of the day,” or, as the Hebrew has it, “in the wind of the evening,” when the evening breeze was blowing through the garden, God came. It is difficult for us even to imagine how He revealed Himself to our first parents. I suppose He condescended to take upon Himself some visible form. It was “the voice of the Lord God” they heard in the garden, and you know that it is the Word of God who has been pleased to make Himself visible to us in human flesh. He may have assumed some form in which they could see Him; otherwise, as a pure Spirit, God could not have been recognized either by their ears or their eyes.”-Spurgeon

The Lord’s Call

- It is easy to see that man’s disobedience to God resulted in immediate guilt and shame.
- Their broken fellowship with God sets the standard for all mankind who sin against God by trying to hide from Him even though He sees everything.
- Adam and God worked together in fellowship naming the animals but now Adam is afraid of God.
- “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”-Hebrews 4:13
- They heard the Lord but did not initially respond to Him.

- “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...”(Ephesians 2:4) calls out to man with a deep concern for man and his position before Him.
- “Why, when I came, was there no man? Why, when I called, was there none to answer?”-**Isaiah 50:2**
- “The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.”-**Psalm 14:2-3**

- “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”-**Luke 19:10**
- It is easier to hide and not confront God with where we are because it can be very painful to acknowledge our sin, but there is no other way for healing to take place.
- There were consequences for man’s Fall but God did not condemn man instead He provided for man through the offering of skins to cover them.
- This demonstrates that God is a merciful, gracious, and compassionate God. Who loves man and provides righteousness for him even when man is at his worst.

- “God doesn’t ask questions because He needs information. Being God, He knows everything. Rather, He asks questions for our good, to give us the opportunity to face facts, to be honest, and confess our sins. However, we must not think of God speaking to Adam and Eve [in a condemning voice]. It was more like a brokenhearted father speaking in love to his wayward children.”-Wiersbe

Genesis 3:12-19

“Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

"So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

"To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':"

"Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

The Consequences

- God questions the man and woman but not the serpent.
- The Serpent has nothing to learn from the Lord but there is hope yet for the man and woman.
- The Serpent is cursed but not the man and woman.
- The blessing for the man and woman has not been lost entirely.
- Man and woman will continue to receive the Lord's attention and provision.

The Consequences Of Adam And Eve's Disobedience		
<u>Participant</u>	<u>Divine Penalty</u>	<u>Consequence</u>
Serpent	Humiliation	Defeat by the Woman's seed
Woman	Multiplied Pain in Childbirth	A Struggle for leadership
Man	Work will be filled with hardship and pain	Futility and Death

Adam And Eve's Relationship

- The consequence of the Fall results in a battle of the sexes for mankind.
- "The 'curse' here describes the beginning of the battle of the sexes. After the Fall, the husband no longer rules easily; he must fight for his headship. The woman's desire is to control her husband (to usurp his divinely appointed headship), and he must master her, if he can. Sin had corrupted both the willing submission of the wife and the loving headship of the husband." - (Susan T Foh, Sited in Constable)
- Adam's sin fully realized blames God for giving him the woman.
- "This same word for **desire** is used in Genesis 4:7 of the *desire* of sin to master over Cain. Because of the curse, Eve would have to fight a desire to master her husband, a desire that works against God's ordained order for the home." - Guzick

The Fall Caused Man To Be subjected to Death

- **Physical Death:** This separation of the soul from the body resulting in corruption of the mortal body (Genesis 3:19).
- **Spiritual Death:** This is separation of our spirit from God or alienation from the life of God (Ephesians 4:18; 1 Timothy 5:6; Revelation 3:1)
- **Eternal Death:** This is the "second death" addressed in Revelation 20:14; 21:8, and is eternal separation from God.

Definitions Of Life And Death

- In studying the Scriptures a person should have an understanding of life and death.
 1. **Physical life:** This is the union of the spirit of man with his body.
 2. **Physical Death:** This is separation of the spirit from the body.
 3. **Spiritual Life:** This is the union of the spirit of man with the Spirit of God.

Definitions Of Life And Death

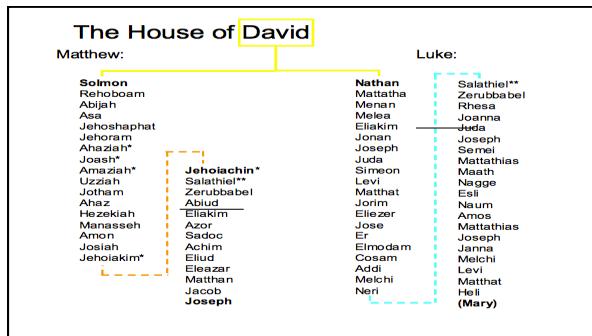
4. **Spiritual Death:** The separation of man's spirit with the Spirit of God.
5. **Eternal Life:** This is the union of the spirit of man with the Spirit of God made never ending through the work of Jesus on the Cross.
6. **Eternal Death:** The separation of man's spirit with the Spirit of God forever and is the result of rejecting the work of Jesus on the Cross.

The First Gospel

- "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." -**Genesis 3:15**
- God's mercy and grace extends towards the woman whom He will use to bring the redeemer of mankind into the world.
- Childbirth reminds man of the Fall but also redemption from the seed of the woman.
- "But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth His Son, born of a woman**, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." -**Galatians 4:4-5**

Genesis 3:15-16	Revelation 12
A woman and the serpent.	A woman and the dragon who is the serpent of old.
Enmity between the woman and the serpent.	The woman is persecuted by the serpent.
Conflict between her offspring and the serpent.	The dragon made war against the offspring of the woman.
Childbirth (first mention in Genesis).	The woman gives birth to a male child.
The woman will experience labor pains.	The woman cried out in pain giving birth to the male child.

Specific Attacks On The Promised Seed	Scripture Reference
The battle between Cain and Abel	Genesis 4; 1 John 3:12
The angelic corruption	Genesis 6
Abraham's 25 years to have Isaac	Genesis 12:4; Genesis 17; Genesis 21
Hagar and Ishmael instead of Sarah and Isaac	Genesis 16; Galatians 4
Jacob's struggles with Esau	Genesis 27; Genesis 32:33
Pharaoh killing Israelite boys	Exodus 1
Saul's pursuit of David	1 Samuel
Arabians killed the Royal Line Except Ahaziah	2 Chronicles 21:17;22:1
Ahaziah's mother Athaliah killed "all the royal seed of Judah"	2 Chronicles 22:10
Haman attempted to eliminate the entire Israelite Nation	Esther 3
The problems in the Royal lineage	1 & 2 Kings; 1 & 2 Chronicles
Jeconiah's blood curse	Jeremiah 22:28-30-results in virgin birth
Babylonian captivity	Jeremiah; Ezekiel; Daniel; Etc.
Herod killing children two and under	Matthew 2
The temptation of Jesus	Luke 4



- **Satan has planned the career of his seed to mirror the ministry of Jesus the seed of the woman.**

Jesus	The Antichrist
Jesus had a coming into the world	The Antichrist has a coming into the world
Jesus had an appointed time	The Antichrist has an appointed time
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel	The Antichrist proclaims a gospel message
Jesus is alone to be worshipped	The Antichrist desires to be worshipped
Jesus performed miracles to support His claim	The Antichrist performs miracles to support his claim
The Lord Jesus is the incarnation of godliness	The Antichrist is the embodiment of lawlessness and rebellion

Eating Dust

- God's judgment on Satan is that he will always know defeat. He will always reach for victory but never achieve it; even in his most victorious moment he will be defeated.
- "Eating dust is an expression used in other ancient Near Eastern writings to describe the lowest of all forms of life. In the Bible, it also describes humiliation and total defeat (cf. Ps. 44:25; 72:9; Isa. 25:12; 49:23; 65:25; Mic. 7:17)." - Thomson

Jesus Took The Curse For Us

- For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse ; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." -**Galatians 3:10**
- **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us** (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. -**Galatians 3:13-14**

The Bearing Of The Curse By Jesus

Ground Cursed	Jesus made a curse-Galatians 3:13
Man will live in sorrow	Jesus was a Man of Sorrows-Isaiah 53:3
There are thorns and thistles to contend with in man's daily work	Crown of thorns was placed on Jesus' head- John 18:8
Man will work to eat by the sweat of his face	Jesus sweat blood-Luke 22:44
Man is to return to the dust of the ground	Jesus tasted the dust of death-Psalm 22:15
Man is to die	Death is destroyed through the resurrection of Jesus-1 Corinthians 15:54

Genesis 3:20-21

“And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”

Adam Name's His Wife

- Up to this point in history the woman had never been called “Eve”. She was simply called woman or female.
- Even though she was not a mother yet Adam took God at His word trusting that she would give birth to a child and trusting that God would bring forth a Redeemer from the woman.
- The name Eve is related to the Hebrew word “to live”. This is an act of faith by Adam in hope. There is now a curse of death upon man but life will continue based on the hope of the promise to the woman by God that she will give birth to children.
- It is the destiny of the “mother of all living” that the redeemer will come and life will continue even though life is now marred by sin and death.

The Lord Sacrifices An Animal

- In order for Adam and Eve to be clothed a sacrifice had to be made.
- “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”-Hebrews 9:22
- The Lord's sacrifice becomes a precedent from this point forward for the need of a sacrifice to be right with God.
- God Himself made the bloody sacrifice.

- “He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, **He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”-**Hebrews 9:26-28**

The Blood Of Jesus

- God’s remedy for the sinful condition of the human race is the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from **all** sin(1 John 1:7).
- It is not a sin that has failed to be confessed, or a hidden sin but it is **all** sin: Past, present and future.
- “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”-Isaiah 1:18

- “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”-**Isaiah 53:5-6**
- “**He was wounded for our transgressions**.”-If there had only been one sinner in the world and it was you, He still would have gone to the cross on your behalf.
- “**He was bruised for our iniquities**”-Think about what Jesus endured on our behalf. He took the pounding that was meant for us.

- “**The chastisement for our peace was upon Him**”-Jesus we are told in Hebrews learned obedience through the things He suffered. But His obedience resulted in our peace between God and man made possible through the cross.
- “**By His stripes we are healed**”-Through the work of Jesus and His shed blood, though we deserve judgment, we instead are healed by the whipping He endured.
- “**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way**”-The first statement reflects the account of the Fall of the race from Adam. The second statement indicates each one of us at one time or another have gone our way willfully sinning in our own way. We are sinners by nature, but we are also sinners in practice.

- **"The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all"**-The troubled conscience can now be at rest because God is wholly and 100 percent satisfied with what His Son did on the cross. The accounts have been settled once and for all time.
- " Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."-**Romans 6:11**
- The word for "reckon" is "logizomai" and it means to count, calculate, compute or balance.
- Jesus balanced the books of our sinful lives.
- "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions **for My own sake**; and I will not remember your sins."-**Isaiah 43:25**

Our Righteousness

- "The work of righteousness will be peace, and **the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.**"-**Isaiah 32:17**
- " I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; **for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."-**Isaiah 61:10**
- "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that **we might become the righteousness of God** in Him."-**2 Corinthians 5:21**
- When Jesus died on the cross He bore all of our sins past, present, and future that we through faith would forever be clothed in righteousness.

Cleansed From All Sin

- "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."-**1 John 1:7**
- The word used for "cleanses" is "Katharizō" which means when used in a moral sense, "to free from the defilement of sin, to free from guilt of sin".
- The verb form used for "cleanses" is in the present tense which means a continual cleansing from all sin.
- As the believer "walks in the light" the **blood of Jesus** continually cleanses us from all sin.
- The only sin that cannot be cleansed by the **blood of Jesus** is the sin of rejecting His blood as payment for our sins.

Genesis 3:22-24

"Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—

therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."

The Cherubim Protect Man

- The Cherubim stand between God and man in order to protect man from dying in the presence of God.
- It is also the mercy of God by preventing man from eating of the tree of life and live forever in a sinful world.
- The cherubim were placed at the entrance to the garden until the day of man's redemption when the tree of life will once again be available for man(Rev. 22:2).

The Cherubim On The Mercy Seat



Mercy Seat

"And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. **And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim** which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel."--**Exodus 25:20-22**