

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” Genesis 3:12-13

I. THE GUARDIAN

- The man (Adam) was keeper of the Garden. His fall opens paradise to evil. Human eyes were “opened” (Gen. 2:15; 3:7).
- The woman (Eve) is not without culpability. However, her husband failed to protect both her and the Garden from the entry of evil. The crafty serpent seduced her, and her husband fell into line (Gen. 3:6-7, 9).
- We see here not only the introduction of sin into our world, but the introduction of excuse making as well (Gen. 3:12-13).
- As sin enters into a sinless paradise, an immediate breakdown of God’s order begins (Gen. 3:16-19).

II. THE SERPENT

- Evil existed prior to the Fall. The serpent is the personification of that reality. He is cursed, and he remains a powerful enemy to the people of God (Gen. 3:1, 14-15; 2 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Rev. 12:9, 20:2).
- If you know Christ, greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. The spirit of this antichrist is heard in the voice of false prophets (1 John 4:1-6).

III. THE FIRST GOSPEL

- The Fall does not catch God unawares. Hope is still in place. The “first gospel” is introduced (Gen. 3:15).
- Eve will be the mother of all living. Life will continue, but not without death (Gen. 3:20-21).
- The end is not in doubt. Fallen humankind can find redemption, and Satan is cast down (Matt. 25:41; Mark 1:14-15, 35-39; Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rev. 20:10).

KNOW: The Fall brings with it devastation. A world that was for us is now, at least in some sense, against us. Our enemy is cursed yet remains potent. Death becomes a sad reality. Nevertheless, hope abounds in the offspring of the woman.

DO: In this fallen world, seek hope and redemption through the offspring of the woman...Jesus, the Messiah.

Suggested Reading:

Unfolding Redemption: The Heart of the Gospel in the Story of Old Testament History by Ian J. Vaillancourt
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible by Vaughn Roberts
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

The Child's Book on the Fall of Man by Thomas Gallaudet
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

Next Week's Preaching Text: Romans 6:23; Galatians 4:1-7

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Genesis 3:1-24

1. Who is the instigator of the fall of mankind?
2. Why does God seek out Adam after the Fall as it was Eve who initiated the sin?
3. Why did the man and the woman hide from God?
4. What is the curse for the serpent? For the woman? For the man?
5. How are these curses played out in our lives today?
6. What is this "enmity" that lies between the woman and the serpent, and her offspring and his?
7. How does Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Genesis 3:15?
8. What are your application points from this passage/sermon?