

The Old Testament Book of Genesis!



***This Morning We Continue Our Journey
In The Very First Book In The Bible***

The Text:
Genesis 3:1-8!



The Sermon Title:
THE CURSE!

Introduction!

This morning we turn our attention

From Chapter One – The Creation Act!

- 1. The Cause of Creation.*
- 2. The Commentary of Creation.*

From Chapter Two – The Consummation of Creation!

- 1. The Conclusion of Creation.*
- 2. The Capstone of Creation.*

To Chapter Three – The Curse upon Creation!

- 1. The Cataclysmic Fall of Man.*
- 2. The Chaotic Future of Man.*

The Introduction!

This morning, in chapter three, we will discover a truth that is in the Bible that stands contrary to the thinking of our day. It is the belief that man is good, and on his way up to bigger, and better, and brighter things.

This morning we will begin to learn the Biblical truth that man is a fallen creature who has suffered a devastating blow. And because of that blow his nature is fallen, evil, and cannot be recovered on its own. Man's nature has been captured and corrupted by sin. And sin always leads to death!

Point of Interest!

It is in the third chapter at the beginning of the Bible (in Genesis) that we are introduced to sin's beginning.

And it is in the third chapter from the end of the Bible (Revelation) that we are introduced to sin's end.

In between those two chapters the theme of sin is continually and openly displayed!

Let's Talk About Sin!

As we continue our journey this morning, it should be noted that sin did not begin here on earth; it began in heaven. The mystery of iniquity did not originate in the heart of a human being. Instead, its source lay in the breast of an angelic being of the highest order. And when sin entered the Garden of Eden it entered full grown as it was first introduced to Eve by Satan disguised as a serpent. It was and is because of sin that man's fellowship and communication with God was and is severed.

In Isaiah 14:12-17 we are given a brief glimpse of Satan's fall!

In chapter three, there is little doubt that Satan gloated as he watched his deception plan unfolding before Eve. As a result, Satan will be known throughout the Scriptures as:

Abaddon: Hebrew word for destroyer.

Adversary: The destroyer of those who belong to God.

Apollyon: Greek word for destroyer.

Deceiver: The one who cannot be trusted.

Devil: The one who embraces sin.

Evil One: The promoter of sin and what is evil.

Father of Lies: The originator of lies.

Ruler of Darkness: The one who controls the sinful world.

Satan: The fallen angel who opposed God.

Serpent of Old: The serpent in the Garden who deceived Eve.

Thief: The one who steals and kills what belongs to God.

Wicked One: The one who's sole purpose is to do what is evil.

The Outline Continues to Build!

- I. (1:1) The Act of **CREATION**!
- II. (1:2-31) The **COMMENTARY** on the Act!
- III. (2:1-7) The Commentary's **CONCLUSION**!
- IV. (2:8-25) The **CONSUMMATION** of Creation!
- V. (3:1-24) The **CURSE** upon Creation!

In chapter two Adam and Eve are living in a perfect paradise where God provided everything. As we continue our journey from this point on, we will see that the sin introduced to Eve by Satan will destroyed everything that is good and perfect!

Today's Sermon Outline!

V. (3:1-24) The **CURSE** upon God's Creation!

A. (3:1-8) Man's Cataclysmic **FALL**.

1. (3:1-6) The **SUBTLETY** of the Serpent.

a. (3:1-5) Satan's appeal to Eve's **Intellect**.

b. (3:6) Satan's appeal to Adam's **Emotions**.

2. (3:7-8) The **SUCCESS** of the Serpent.

a. (3:7) The **Plight** of Adam and Eve.

b. (3:8) The **Fight** of Adam and Eve. .

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The word "subtle" or "crafty" means "wise." Before the fall Satan was known as Lucifer. He was not only beautiful, he was also full of wisdom.

Next to God, he was the most brilliant being in the universe and possessed the highest intelligence of all the other creatures. And even though, here in chapter three, he is a fallen creature, he still retained his wisdom even though it was now warped, bent, and twisted.

At first glance, one might think that Eve is no match for Satan. But don't forget that she had been armed with the Word of God, given to her by her husband Adam. And being armed with God's word, as brief as it was at the time, she should have been a formidable match for her foe.

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1. (3:1-6) The SUBTLETY of the Serpent.

a. (3:1-5) The appeal to Eve's Intellect.

Satan's plan of attack was based on his cunning. Satan knew that God had already invested the position of leadership in her husband, Adam – Eve was created second, and not first. He knew that her God given responsibility was to be a helper to her husband. Her strength was in her heart (caretaker, support, encourager) and not in her head. Her husband had been chosen first to lead, she had been chosen second to follow and support.

(Note: Last weeks statement of advise)

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1.) (vv.1-3) To Cause **Doubt**:

The question asked by Satan was asked to create doubt in the mind of Eve. The question assumes that God is unfair and cannot be trusted. That God is restricting something that is good from Adam and Eve.

“Is This Truly What God Has said To You?”

The answer that is given by Eve to Satan is most likely a repeat of what Adam said to her, with the exception of one thing.

God did not say “if you touch the fruit of the tree you will surely die.”

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 - a. (3:1-5) The appeal to Eve's **Intellect**.
 - 2.) (v.4) The **Denial**:

Once doubt had been placed in the mind of Eve, and Satan realized that she had misquoted God's warning, he immediately used her mistake to his advantage. With the hope of destroying her faith in God's words, he challenged what she said (about what she thought) God had said by means of a denial. Satan's goal was to secure the doubt and simulate her curiosity. Thus the challenge.

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a. (3:1-5) The appeal to Eve's Intellect.

3.) (3:5) The Delusion:

It is here that Satan builds upon the doubt and denial with a delusion. Note: the same thoughts that Satan once had in heaven are now used with Eve to bring chaos and separation on earth. The delusion is that she would be like Elohim Himself because she would know the difference between good and evil.

And the means of being like God was simply to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is at this point that her lust became stronger than her love for God (I John 2:15-17). She wanted to be like God so she ate. And when she ate, she threw away her innocence.

She made a bad deal as a result of her bad decision!

(Dr. Martin O. Massenger)

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 - b. (3:6) The appeal to Adam's **Emotion**.

Just like Satan did with Eve, he now does with Adam. He will now use Eve (in her fallen state) to attack the role that God had ordained for Adam (leadership). Eve will be used by Satan to play upon the feelings and emotions of her husband Adam (Remember 2:23).

Note the changing of roles between the man and the woman.

In I Timothy 2:14 we are told that Adam was not deceived. That he sinned with his eyes opened. Seeing the woman that he loved (in her fallen state), and knowing that he could do nothing to bring her back to her former state of innocence, he knowingly chose to be with her (John 3:16).

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***Let's Take a Closer Look at Satan's Temptation.
This is How Satan Attacks Us Today!***

- 1.) Satan turns the **Look** to **Lust**.
- 2.) Satan turns the **Desire** to **Decision**.
- 3.) Satan turns the **Sinner** into a **Seducer**.

(I John 2:15-17)

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VII. (3:1-24) The **CURSE** upon God's Creation!

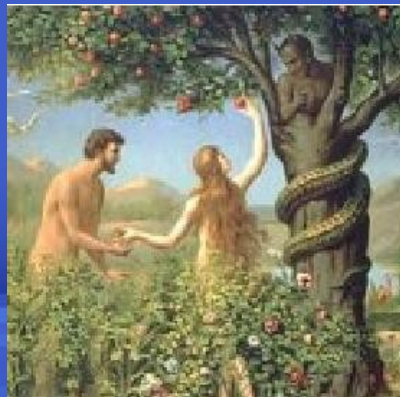
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Next Week

We continue our journey through chapter three!

A. (3:1-8) Man's **Cataclysmic** Fall!

B. (3:9-24) Man's **Chaotic** Future!

