

Paradise Lost

Genesis 3:1-24

Introduction

I The Promoter Of Sin

- A. The tempter
 - 1. The **origin** of the “serpent” - Ezek 28:12-19; Is 14:12-15
 - 2. The **character** of the serpent - Jn 8:44-45; 10:10
- B. The temptation
 - 1. The strategy of the serpent:
 - a. Raise doubts about God’s **character**
 - b. Raise doubts about God’s Word
 - c. Raise doubts about God’s **motives** - Prov 16:28
 - 2. The failure of Eve
 - a. She **dialogued** with the enemy - Ps 1:1-5
 - b. She misquoted God’s Word - Rev 22:18-19; Jam 4:7

II The Progression Of Sin

- A. The woman **saw** that the tree was:
 - 1. Good for food - 1 Jn 2:16a
 - 2. Pleasing to the eye - 1 Jn 2:16b
 - 3. Desirable for gaining wisdom - 1 Jn 2:16c; Jam 3:14-16
- B. She **took** some and ate it - Job 20:12-14
- C. She **gave** some to her husband who ate it - James 1:13-15

III The Product Of Sin

- A. Their **eyes** were opened
 - 1. They realized they were naked - Gen 2:25; Rev 3:16-18
 - 2. They attempted to **cover** their sin - Is 64:6
- B. They **hid** from God - Is 59:2
 - 1. They were approached by God - Jer 23:24
 - 2. They were **afraid** of God - Heb 4:13
 - 3. They were questioned by God
- C. They shifted the **blame**
 - 1. Man blamed woman and God - Prov 19:3
 - 2. Woman blamed the serpent - Prov 28:13

IV The Punishment Of Sin

- A. God punished the serpent - Rom 16:20
- B. God punished the woman
 - 1. Physical **pain** in childbirth - Jn 16:21
 - 2. Spiritual **headship** of husband - 1 Tim 2:13-14
- C. God punished the man
 - 1. The ground will require **painful** toil - Eccl 2:22-23
 - 2. The ground will produce thorns & thistles - Rom 8:20-22
 - 3. The ground will **reclaim** man - Eccl 12:6-7

V The Provision For Sin

- A. God made **garments** of skin and clothed them - Heb 9:22
- B. God banished man from the Garden of Eden
- C. God **guarded** the Tree of Life - Rev 2:7

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Read James 1:13-15. What are the successive stages of sin? How is this same pattern reflected in Adam and Eve’s sin? Can you illustrate this pattern from a sin in your own life?
2. What do you do when you find yourself “naked” (caught in sin) before others? 1) Hide 2) Blame someone else 3) Find a “fig leaf” 4) Allow God to clothe you.
3. Consider a situation were you knowingly sinned. What effect did that have on your relationship with God? With others?
4. Compare Jesus’ temptation [Luke 4:1-13] to this one. How was it similar? How did He respond? What was the result?
5. Read Psalm 139:23-24 & Prov 28:13. Pray these verses back to God a line at a time. Open your heart to the work of the Holy Spirit confessing, repenting and reconciling with God over any known sin in your life. And thank Him for His forgiveness!

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