

→ The Primeval Story Adam & Eve



Son Risers
Bible Study

Sin!

Genesis 3:1-

Serpent represents anything that could present options to human beings which may seduce them away from God.

The woman makes God's prohibition more serious than stated by God – she says you may not even touch it. – may reflect her anxiety with the conversation.

Serpent tells the truth – they do not die immediately. His words “God knows that when you eat of this fruit, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil,” imply that God has not told them the whole truth. Issue becomes one of trust.

Serpent does not coerce the woman but leaves it up to her.

The woman looks at the fruit, contemplates & eats. She **focuses on what the tree offers, not God**. The problem is not with humans having wisdom, but the way she attempts to obtain it.

Then she gives some to her husband. He has been a silent partner in this, puts up no resistance, asks no questions, does not consider theological issues. She does not act as a temptress, when he eats the fruit he succumbs to the same temptation as she.

Now they see things differently. Now they have gone against God and have to rely on their own resources. In their shame, they try to cover themselves. This isn't adequate and they still feel the need to hide from God.

Man is fearful, insecure and ashamed. Seeks to justify himself casts blame on the woman & God.

Woman also deflects blame to the serpent.

Judgment!

Genesis 3: –

God calls each to the bench for sentencing – yet remains in relationship with them.

- Serpent – isolated from the community, must crawl on its belly – humiliation and degradation
- Woman – pain in childbirth, patriarchy
- Man – will have to work very hard
- Ultimately, they will die.

Touches all of life – disharmony

- Marriage & sexuality
- Birth & death
- Work and food

Grace!

Genesis 3: –

God is not at a distance – He walks in the garden and in His mercy and grace seeks Adam and Eve. **He will still be with them!**

- Humans retain the same vocation – cultivating the earth
- They leave the garden with some integrity & remain part of God's purpose for the earth
- God helps them with their shame – makes clothes for them

Broken Relationships
Result from the Intrusion
of Sin

- God to Man
- Man to Woman
- Humankind to creatures in nature
- Man to the soil of the earth