

“The Fall”

Genesis 3

May 12, 2013

Review:

2013 Series: ***“Becoming... the Work of God”***

Mission (Matthew 28:18-20)

Messiah (Living Water)

Multiply (John 20:21)

Ministers & Missionaries

Ministry (study of 1 John)

Multiply:

What is a **Disciple**?

Who is the **Church**?

Why read the **Bible**?

Section 4:

How to study the **Old Testament**

Part 1: (last week) **CREATION**

Part 2: **“The FALL”** (a.k.a. Sin)

Sermon Prelude: *“You Love Me Anyway”* (Sidewalk Prophets)

T/S: Last week (Genesis 1&2) = the Bible’s **“FOUNDATION”**

Today... (Genesis 3) = the Bible’s **“CONTEXTUALIZATION”**

Intro:

Qt: *“The subject of sin is vital knowledge. To say that our first need in life is to learn about sin may sound strange, but in the sense intended, it is profoundly true. If you have not learned about sin, you cannot understand yourself, your fellow man, the world you live in... or the Christian faith. Moreover, you will not be able to make heads or tails of the Bible. For the Bible is an exposition of God’s answer to the problem of human sin.”*

- J.I. Packer

Genesis 3: “The Fall of Man” (a.k.a. the origin & reality of “Sin”)

Definition of Sin: “Missing God’s mark in actions &/or attitudes.”

Today: Using the Acronym J.E.S.U.S.

Jurisdiction	(vv.1-3)
Explanation	(vv.4-5)
Saturation	(v.6)
Urgency	(vv.7-14, 16-24)
Solution	(v.15)

When you think “Sin” or “Fall of Man”

...THINK J.E.S.U.S.!!!

“Jurisdiction Over Sin” vv.1-3:

v.1 *Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.*

Qt: “Satan was the original sinner.” - J.I. Packer

Satan surfaces as a serpent: (Rev. 12:9; 20:2; 2 Cor. 11:3)

- A. What we learn about Satan here:
1. **Satan is CRAFTY**
 2. **Satan is CREATED**
 3. **Satan is CAUSTIC** (“capable of corroding living tissue” – Random House Webster’s Dictionary)

So.... Here’s the \$1,000,000 question:

Who has “jurisdiction” over Satan, his sin, and the sinful stain on humanity that he will cause?

Acts 2:23 says it all...

this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Jurisdiction vs. Judged vs. Judge

Qt: “For over a century now, belief in the devil has seemed to be on the way out... No doubt this state of affairs is just what the devil has been working for; since it allows him to operate now on the grandest scale without being either detected or opposed.

During the past hundred years, he has engineered a worldwide collapse of evangelicalism in all the older denominations. The present spineless, powerless, unevangelical state of these churches, as compared with what they were a century ago, gives heart-breaking proof of the skill and thoroughness with which he has done his job. The Bible is no longer fully believed, the gospel is no longer thoroughly preached, and post-Christian paganism sweeps through the world like wildfire. Not for centuries has Satan won such a victory.”

- J.I. Packer

Qt: “A pitfall confronts us... If our thoughts of God are false, our thoughts of the devil will be false too.”

“For instance, if, as many do, we were to imagine God as every man’s heavenly uncle, a person whose job it is to help us achieve our selfish desires for irresponsible fun and carefree comfort; then we shall think of Satan as merely a cosmic sour-puss whose sole aim is to thwart our plans & spoil our pleasures. But this is really no nearer the truth about Satan than the celestial Santa Claus idea is to the truth about God.”

- J.I. Packer

1.b *And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"*

See the Devil's Fingerprints...

Doubt, Deceit, & Disobedience!

2 *The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the*

*trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"*

Eve demonstrates her:

- A. **AWARENESS**
- B. **ABUNDANCE**
- C. **ACCOUNTABILITY**

"Explanation of Sin, Sinning, & Sinners" vv.4-5:

4 *The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! **5** For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

See the Sin & Strategy of Satan:

- A. Satan directly defies God's deity & directions
- B. Satan puts himself above God's authority...
- C. Satan calls into question God's:
 - 1. **TRUSTWORTHINESS**
 - 2. **GOODNESS & GRACE**
 - 3. **UNIQUE SOVEREIGNTY**

VIDEO: Sin & Sovereignty (in the midst of temptation)

“Saturation of Sin” v.6:

6 *When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.*

See the affects of replacing God with Satan & self

See affects of trusting anything but God’s Word

See destruction of doubt, deceit, & disobedience

See contrast between Genesis ch.1, ch.2, & ch.3

Sin-saturated-ACTIONS & Sin-saturated-ATTITUDES

VIDEO: *“gods at war”*

Adam’s INPUTATION till Jesus’ INPUTATION

Beyond the Garden...

1. Cain and Abel
2. Noah & the Corruption of Mankind
3. The Flood
4. Covenant of the Rainbow

5. Tour of Babel
6. Confusion & Dispersion... (the pattern is set)
7. Jesus, the Christ comes... (the first Missionary)
8. Jesus, the Christ models & ministers...
9. Jesus, the Christ is Crucified, Risen, & Ascended – Amen!
10. Jesus, the Christ returns...

T/S:

“Men who **only *believe*** their depravity **but do not hate it** are no further than the devil on the road to heaven... (Moreover,) it is not my being corrupt that proves I’m a Christian, nor knowing that I am corrupt, but I know I am a Christian because I hate my corruption. It is my agonizing death-struggle with my corruptions that proves me to be a living child of God... Now these two natures will not cease to struggle as long as we are in this world. The old nature will never give up – it will never ask for a truce, nor seek a peace treaty.” - **Charles Spurgeon**

The BIBLICAL Christian’s Perspective on Sin...

Sin grieves the Holy Spirit	Ephesians 4:30
Sin dishonors God	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Sin hinders prayer	1 Peter 3:12
Sin makes us spiritually powerless	1 Corinthians 9:27

Sin withholds God's blessings from us	Jeremiah 5:25
Sin robs us of joy	Psalms 51:12
Sin stunts spiritual growth	1 Corinthians 3:1
Sin is a ticking time bomb (Esau)	Hebrews 12:17

“Urgency of Sin” vv.7-14 & 16-24:

7 *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 loin coverings.*

Be careful what you wish for...

Sin-filled cravings bring shameful coverings! -
JDP

8 *They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”*

Sin costs intimacy with & proximity to God...

Sin thinks it can hide... even from God

Creator God is a relational God, even amidst sin

Sin & shame fuel fear... & fight faith...

11 *And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"*

God creates a platform for repentance...

12 *The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."*

13 *Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

Rather than repent...

- A. Sin-stained Adam first blames God...
- B. Adam then blames Eve...
- C. Eve immediately blames the serpent...

14 *The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;*

NOTE: God JUDGES Sin!

He did in the past, He does in the present,
and He will in the future!

16 *To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."*

17 *Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree*

about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.

18 *"Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; **19** By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."*

20 *Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.*

21 *The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. **22** Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— **23** therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.*

24 *So **He drove the man out**; & at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim & the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.*

VIDEO: Sin & Lostness

"Solution to Sin" v.15:

NOTE: You **must** connect Genesis 1& 2 to ch. 3 to get 3:15

15 *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise
you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

Genesis 1, 2, and 3 are unified in this verse...

Gen. 1:1 & Rev. 22:21 are unified in this verse...

Only when one knows the Creator Jesus of Gen. 1&2
can the Savior Jesus of Gen.3 be personalized & trusted

The entire Bible is unified in Genesis 3:15!

So... when it comes to Sin... THINK JESUS!

He came to seek and save the lost...

He came that we would have life...

Video/Song: "The Same Love"

"The same God who spread the heavens wide... The same
God that was crucified... Is calling us all by name, You are
calling us all by name." "You're calling us to the cross."

- Amen!

Creator Jesus becomes Savior Jesus...

Thus... Christmas is not about a “baby”

Easter is not about a “bunny”

Good Friday was GREAT Friday!

Prayer:

1. Jesus Paid It All
2. You (Jesus) Make Beautiful Things
3. Jesus, Friend of Sinners