

Lesson 2: Implications of the Fall

Central Point: Jesus, the Seed of the Woman Crushed Satan's Dominion

Genesis 2:16-17, "And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.'"

- **Question:** "What do you believe God's intent was to give Man this command?"
- I believe primarily to test man's obedience- will he obey God and submit to His will
- The fall of man was preceded by the fall of Satan and 1/3 of the angels- **Rev. 12:4**
- The dispensation of angels (before man) was also a time of testing like us
- **Question:** "Satan had so much in the beginning, why did he fall into sin?"
- **Please Read:** **James 3:13-18; 1 John 2:15-17**

It was selfish ambition, coming from the pride and vanity of his own heart that drove him. Instead of loyalty and submission to God's will he was obsessed with his own. He became a liar, thief and a murderer; whatever it takes to get what he wants- power and glory for himself.

- **Isaiah 14:13**- you said in your heart "I will raise my throne above the starts of God"
- **Isaiah 14:14**- "I will make myself like the Most High"
- **Ezekiel 28:16-17** – "Filled with violence" and "Your heart became proud"

Contrast this with Jesus:

- **Matthew 20:28**- came not to be served but to serve; give life as a ransom for many
- **Luke 22:42**- came not to do His own will, but the will of the Father God
- **Philippians 2:5-11**- humbled Himself and became obedient to death- the cross

The Fall of Man

- The big test for man was, would he take the same dark path of selfishness as Satan
- God is not opposed to us having glory and honor- **Psalms 8:3-9; John 10:34-35**
- We have to do it His way; Satan's temptation was a short-cut to bypass God's will
 - o The problem with Sin is that it's never satisfied- **Proverbs 27:20; Habakkuk 2:5**
- In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were satisfied with all they wanted or needed
 - o **Psalms 145:16**, "You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing."

Psalms 16:11, "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

- Every temptation of the enemy is take something from us in exchange for death
- **Please Read:** **Genesis Chapter 3**

- Verse 10- afraid, naked and hiding
 - **Heb. 2:14-15**- Jesus destroyed Satan who had the power of death- free from fear
- Verse 12-13- accusing and blaming each other- selfishness
 - **John 3:3; 1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1-4**- Born Again, with God's love nature in us
- Verse 16- Woman would have pain in childbirth and man would dominate woman
 - **Isaiah 53:4-5; Mt. 4:24**- Jesus bore our sicknesses and carried our pains away
 - **Galatians 3:26-29**- In Christ men and women are equals and honored equally
- Verse 17-19- Earth was cursed, painful toil and death
 - **Galatians 3:13**- Jesus redeemed us from the curse of Satan

Lost Glory Restored

Genesis 3:15 AMP, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel."

- **Question:** "Why did God the Son come to earth 2,000 years ago?"
- To undo everything the devil had done in the Garden- until we have reached a full circle
 - **John 1:29**- The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
 - **Luke 15:3-7**- Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost
 - **1 John 3:8**- Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil- **Col. 2:15**
- **Please Read: John 17:3-5**
- The lost glory of being in God's presence has been restored through the blood of Jesus
 - **Eph. 2:1-7**- Now, seated together with Jesus at the right hand of the Father
 - **2Cor. 3:18**- To behold the glory of the Lord and transformed into His likeness
 - **Php. 3:20; 1Cor. 15:42-58**- glorified, resurrected body like Jesus

The Test of Life Today

- **Question:** "What is the greatest test in life for every one of us to face today?"
- What are we going to do with Jesus – accept Him or reject Him as our Lord and Savior
- **Please Read: John 3:36; 6:28-29**
- Every spirit being God has created must be tested- will they obey and be loyal
- Life on earth primarily boils down to a series of tests- to obey or not to obey
 - Adam and Eve- the tree
 - Cain and Abel- the right sacrifice
 - Noah- building of the Ark
 - Abraham- offering Isaac
- The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 are heroes of obedience- faith obeys God's Word
- Even God Himself, Jesus allowed Himself to be tested through obedience and suffering
 - **Hebrews 2:10, 17-18; 5:7-10** – as an inspirational example for us to follow?