

Genesis – Lesson 3

The Creation and Fall of Mankind

Genesis 2:4-3:24



Memory Verse

Genesis 1:27

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Defining History



1) The record of important events in the human past

2) A narrative that connects important events in the human past and makes them intelligible.

Merriam-Webster: a chronological record of significant events (such as those affecting a nation or institution) often including an explanation of their causes.

Britannica: Discipline that studies the chronological record of events, usually attempting, on the basis of a critical examination of source materials, to explain events.

Holman Bible Dictionary:

Biblical History - “History in the Bible is the stage on which God related to people and in which God revealed His nature and purposes to people. It is through studying and understanding history's meaning and direction that Bible truths can be applied today.”



Creation of Man



Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Differences of Genesis chapters 1 & 2

**1. God of Creation is called “God” (Elohim) in chapter 1.
God of revelation is called “Lord” (Jehovah/Yahweh)
in chapter 2.**

He is called “Lord, God” as He is One in chapter 2:4,5

**2. In chapter 1 man is the climax of creation
In chapter 2 man is the center of creation**

3. It better describes man:

Man is shown with speech (verse 20)

Man is shown with personality (verse 23)

Man is shown with a conscience (verse 25)

4. Chapter 1 deals with the world at large

Chapter 2 deals with a specific garden in the East

Creation Accounts

Genesis 1	Genesis 2
God the Creator Elohim God as powerful Creation of the universe Climaxes with man The six days of creation	God the covenant-keeper Yahweh God as personal Creation of man Climaxes with marriage The six days of creation

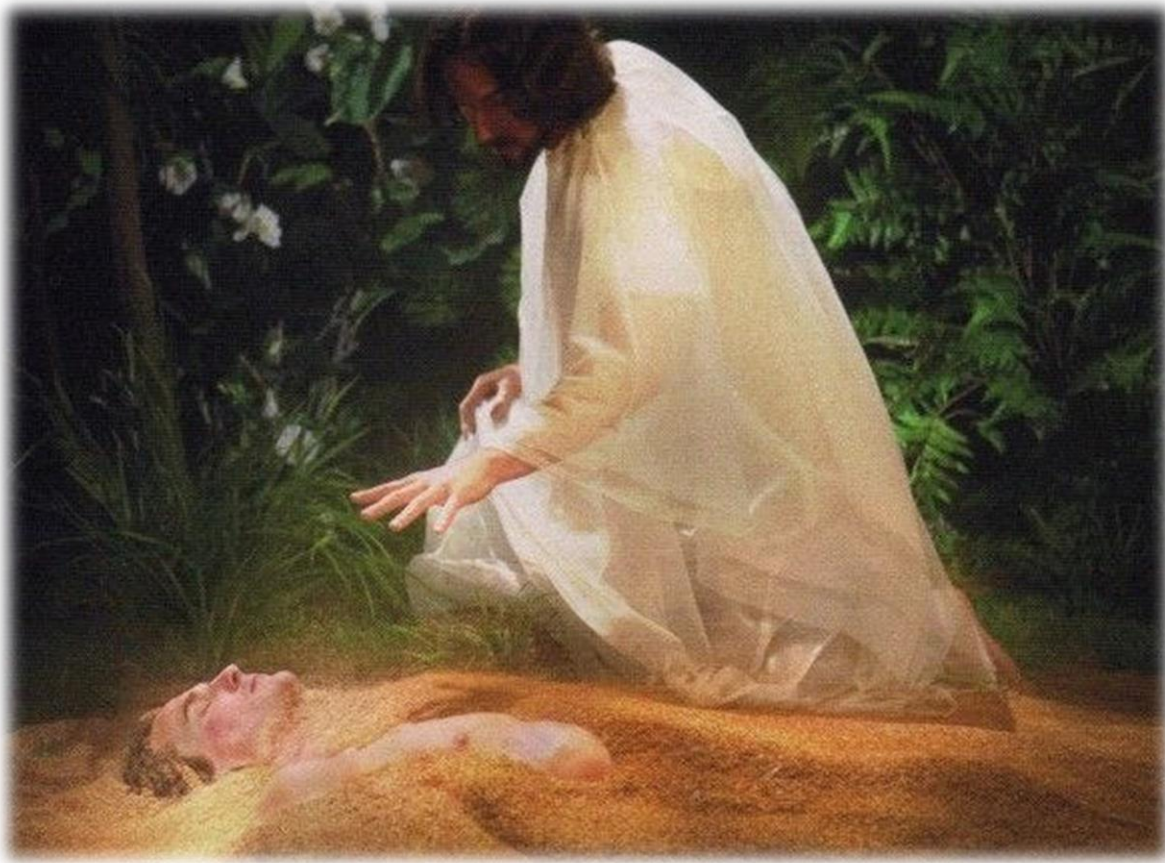


Chapter 2 shows:

- **Man created by God (verse 7)**
- **Man used by God (verse 15)**
- **Man provided for by God (verse 9 & 16)**
- **Man instructed by God (verse 17)**
- **Man warned by God (verse 17)**
- **Man's need recognized by God (verse 18)**
- **Man given dominion by God (verse 19)**
- **Man given social life by God (verse 24)**



Man was created



The union of the dust of the ground (body) and the breath of God (spirit) makes man a living soul.

James 2:26 *“For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”*

I Thessalonians 5:23 *“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The Garden of Eden



The Garden of Eden was the environment that God created for a relationship with Him to take place.

Adam and Eve's responsibility was to dress and keep it.

They were put there, not to do nothing, not just to pluck fruit off a tree, not even merely to receive eternal life, but to take care of the Garden.

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil



Genesis 2:16-17

The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Here is Permission – “You may eat freely”

Here is Prohibition – “You shall not eat”

Here is Penalty – “You will surely die”

Creation of Eve



Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

Why did God make the woman?

Not good for man to be alone. He needs a helpmeet...suitable helper.

Woman is a special creation of God for man:

Male & Female – Adam & Eve

Wonderfully and fearfully made: (Out of man)

Not out of head, not from the foot, but from the side

Marriage: A Biblical Approach



In the Bible, marriage is a lifelong, God-ordained covenant between a man and a woman that is characterized by:

- **Exclusivity:** A marriage is a permanent and exclusive union between two people.

Matthew 19:4-6

⁴ “And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

- **Sexuality:** Sex is an integral part of marriage.

I Corinthians 7:2-5

² But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. ³ The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- **Procreation:** Marriage is a way to bring children into the world and sustain the earth.

Genesis 1:28

“God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 9:1

“And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”

- **Love:** Marriage is a loving, intimate, and selfless relationship.

I Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

- **Submission:** Wives are to submit to their husbands in a godly way.

Ephesians 5:22-27

²² “Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. ²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.”

- **Leadership: Husbands are to lead by giving, not taking.**

Hebrews 13:4

“Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”



Chapter 3 – The Temptation & The Fall



Genesis 3:1-6

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”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.’”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.”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.”

Satan's Tactics



Satan gets men to doubt:

God's Word

God's goodness

God's love

God's truthfulness

God's wisdom

God's judgment

God's authority

Four steps to successful temptation:

The outward object of attraction

The inward commotion of the mind

The increase and triumph of desire

The objective attained with sin



Satan tempts us:

Physically through desire

Intellectually through delusion

Emotionally through discontentment

Spiritually through doubt

If we don't flee from sin you will:

Sin – verse 6

Bring others into your sin – verse 6

Not desire God's presence – verse 8

Try to cover your sin – verse 7

Lie – verse 10

Blame others for your sin – verse 12

Be ashamed – verse 8

Suffer the consequences of your sin – verse 17

Be separated from God – verse 24; Isaiah 59:2



Contrast between Man and Christ in temptation:

Man	Christ
Misquoted the Word 3 times	Correctly quoted the Word 3 times
In a perfect environment failed	In a deserted wilderness succeeded
Had food all around to eat	Had not eaten for 40 days
Yielded to lust of the eye, flesh, and pride of life	Rejected the same 3 temptations
Found no joy in yielding	Found joy in obedience
Died	Lives forevermore



The First Messianic Prophecy



Genesis 3:15

***“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.”***

**This verse shows conflict, suffering, and victory
for Christ.**

Sin brought:

Sorrow – their death

Shame – their hiding

Separation – their removal from God's presence

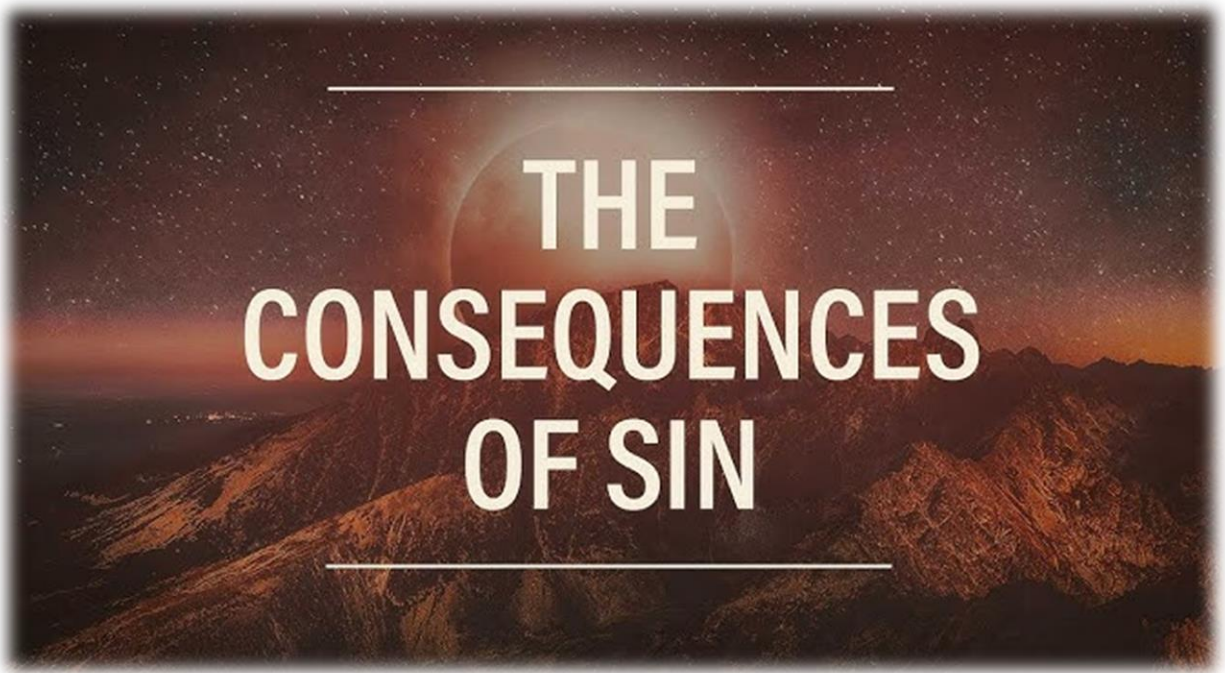
**Suffering – their physical suffering in childbirth,
sweat, thorns**

Servitude – Satan becomes the prince of this world

God brought:

Salvation – the woman's seed (Jesus)

The Beginning of Sin's Consequences



What were the immediate effects of the first sin?

- Loss of innocence, guilty, regretful

Why did Adam try to hide from God?

- Fear, embarrassed and ashamed

Were Adam and Eve willing to accept responsibility for their sin?

- No. They both condemned others and tried to push the blame away from themselves

What curses did God pronounce on:

The serpent – 3:14-15

The woman – 3:16

The man – 3:17-19



Why did Adam call his wife's name "Eve"?

- **She is the mother of all living**



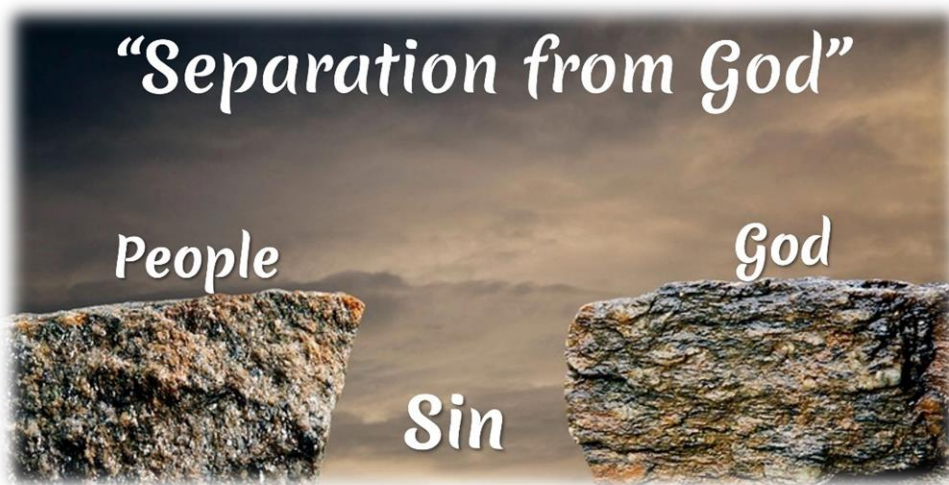
What did God provide for Adam and Eve's nakedness?

God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. Notice this is animal skin, so something had to die to cover up their nakedness. Blood always has to be shed when it comes to sin.



What was the final and most terrible result of sin?

- **Death and ultimate separation from God**



Genesis Summary so far:

Chapter 1:

Creation of the Universe

Chapter 2:

Beginning of Man, Woman and Marriage

Chapter 3:

Beginning of Sin and Redemption

