

Morning Sermon November 8, 2020

“The Fall”– Genesis 3:6-8

I. Eve’s fall –

1. Eve was the one targeted by Satan, by the serpent:

A. She was the “weaker vessel” –

⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

B. The instruction she had received concerning the tree seems to have been second hand –

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*” Genesis 2:16–18 (NKJV)

2. She falls for the serpent’s wiles / she is deceived –

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes ... Genesis 3:6 A

“She saw. She should have turned away her eyes from beholding vanity; but she enters into temptation, by looking with pleasure on the forbidden fruit.” Matthew Henry

Application: A great deal of sin starts with our eyes –

A. David’s sin with Bathsheba started this way -

² Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

2 Samuel 11:2 (NKJV)

B. Men are famous falling into sin because of their eyes, but here Eve is an example of a woman’s fall!

C. Obviously, sin can start with something seemingly delicious - “good for food” and / or attractive to the eyes – “pleasant to the eyes”

3. Satan’s temptation went beyond Eve’s eyes to her imagination

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A. He did this with lies and false promises, targeting Eve’s imagination –

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4–5 (NKJV)

B. These are lies that contradicted God’s truth – Genesis 2:17

C. These are lies containing false promises of increased knowledge and God-likeness!

D. These lies caused DEATH –

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. John 10:10 A

E. These lies stole away that abundant life God had already granted -

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. John 10:10 B (NKJV)

- Adam and Eve were already in God’s image, as created
- God has a design / plan for men and women, for their roles that is distorted by sinful IMAGINATION –

⁵ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5 (KJV 1900)

F. By Satan-serpent lie inspired imagination Eve sees the fruit of the tree as “a tree desirable to make one wise” Genesis 3:6

Just this week I saw on the internet a list of the top 50 songs of all time, guess which song was called #1? Answer: Imagine by John Lennon --- Imagine there’s no countries, it isn’t hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for and no religion, too! Imagine all the people living life in peace ... Yoo, hoo, oo-oo
Songs not on that list: Amazing Grace; It is Well with My Soul; the 23rd Psalm “The LORD is My Shepherd”

II. Adam's fall –

... She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **Genesis 3:6 B**
We are not told a lot about Adam's fall here –

1. Eve gave him the fruit!

2. He was not deceived, at least not in the way Eve was –

¹⁴ **And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 1 Timothy 2:14**

3. Adam may not have been “deceived,” but he was still disobedient –

¹² **Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— Romans 5:12 (NKJV)**

¹⁹ **For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, ... Romans 5:19 (NKJV) - Adam's sin caused death, not only his own but all death -**

III. The impact of the fall on Adam and Eve and on all humanity -

1. Eyes opened, the realization of nakedness –

⁷ **Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; Genesis 3:7 A**

A. Not that physical eyes were opened, they clearly were before!

B. Nor did Adam and Eve increase in a true or good knowledge!

C. What their eyes are opened to is nakedness, they have a sense they have done wrong and that they are wrong!

2. They try to fix themselves -

and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. Genesis 3:7 B This is at least part of the reason Jesus curses the fig tree, it is symbolic of our fruitless efforts to fix ourselves -

²¹ **And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” Mark 11:21 (NKJV) See Mark 11:22-24**

3. They try to hide from God –

⁸ **And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:7–8 (NKJV)**

Our relationship with God being distorted or destroyed is the first and greatest consequences of sin! Not the only consequence –

Question 19 - What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

Answer: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, (Genesis 3:8 & 24) are under his wrath and curse, (Ephesians 2:2–3, Galatians 3:10) and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever. (Lamentations 3:39, Romans 6:23, Matthew 25:41, 46) Westminster Shorter Catechism

4. They are driven from the garden -

²⁴ **So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24 (NKJV)**

5. All Adam's children are by nature children of wrath -

³ ... and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. **Ephesians 2:3 (NKJV)**

6. We are under the curse -

¹⁰ **For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” Galatians 3:10 (NKJV)**

7. We are liable to miseries –

³⁹ **Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins? Lamentations 3:39 (NKJV)**

8. We are liable to death –

²³ **For the wages of sin is death, ... Romans 6:23 A (NKJV)**

9. We are liable to God's eternal wrath –

⁴¹ **“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: Matthew 25:41 (NKJV)**

⁴⁶ **And these will go away into everlasting punishment, ...” Matthew 25:46 A (NKJV)**

IV. Christ's obedience is the only remedy to Adam's fall – Romans 5:19

⁹ **For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19 (NKJV)**

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