



Genesis 3:1-24 (Andrew Klynsmith)

You Can Be Like God: The Fall

1. The importance of chapter 3 for our current era
 - a. We must understand ourselves creationally – i.e. from the will and word of God to us, not primarily psychologically or politically

2. An intruder with very little introduction (3:1)
 - a. Alongside the other creatures, those who did not prove to be a match suitable for humanity

 - b. And so a wisdom (“craftiness”) that will not be appropriate

 - c. True wisdom –humility: hearing the true word from the true source

3. The intruder’s attack (3:1b-7)
 - a. His target – God through the woman and the (pathetic) man

 - b. Misrepresents who God is and what God said

- c. The woman’s mistake – to engage on the lie’s basis

- d. The man’s mistake – to not engage at all

- d. The denial of God and what God said

- e. The false promise of autonomy

- f. “Knowing good and evil” – pride and folly; Romans 1:18ff

4. The homeowner now like an intruder (3:8-13)
 - a. Hiding from *the presence of the LORD God*

 - b. God who will not let us go easily

 - c. Sin, guilt, shame more felt in God’s presence than Satan’s

 - d. Blame-shifters

5. A history marked out by curse – the new ground-state of creation (3:14-24)
 - a. Evil never will accomplish anything – a whole history knowing its final end