



**REVIEW**

God created man (Adam and Eve) in his image.  
 As an image bearer, man must obey God's word.  
 Yet God promised blessings upon Adam's obedience.

God graciously entered into a bond/agreement/**covenant** with man; binding himself to bless man upon man's already required obedience.

**God's commands to Adam as His image bearer:**

**Dos** : Fellowship/marriage, procreation, labour, sabbath.  
**Don't** : Eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

Obey and be blessed!  
 Do these and live!

**The Fall of Humankind**

1. The **circumstances** leading to the fall
2. The **consequences** of the fall
3. The **covenant** following the fall

**The Circumstances**

Adam & Eve lived in the most ideal place (Eden) with the most perfect situation (able to not sin).

**Gen. 2:17** *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.*

**Gen. 3:3** *You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.*

Eve's imprecise knowledge of the Word of God.

**Gen. 3:6** *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Adam's negligence in obeying his calling to teach and lead his wife.

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

**Adam willingly rejected God!** There was no reason for Adam to sin. **He deliberately chose to.**

*Gen. 3:1* Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. ...

Sin's power to entice even the unfallen man.

**Lessons:**

Know the Word of God

*Ps. 119:11* Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.  
*John 6:63* It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Do not dialogue or reason with temptations. **Flee!**

*1 Cor. 6:18* Flee sexual immorality. ...  
*1 Cor. 10:14* Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.  
*2 Tim. 2:22* Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Always be doing God's commands!

Aaron did not provide godly leadership for Israelites (Exodus 32).  
Eli did not discipline his sons, Hophni and Phinehas (1 Sam 2).  
David stayed back when kings went to war (2 Sam. 11).

*Col. 3:2, 16* Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**The Consequences**

Gen. 2:17 Death! *for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*

Gen. 3:7-10 Shame, guilt, broken relationship with God.

Gen. 3:11-13 Broken relationship with fellow man.

Gen. 3:16-19 Curses on the responsibilities of man (creation ordinances).

The **creation ordinances** are still mandatory after the fall, now **accompanied with great pain:**

**Fellowship/marriage**

We desire from others what only God can satisfy; unrealistic expectations.  
Power hunger. Selfishness.

**Labour**

*Cursed is the ground,  
... in toil you shall eat of it  
... both thorns and thistles.*

**Procreation**

*In pain you shall bring forth your children.*

**Sabbath**

Unhealthy work-rest balance.

We must obey God  
but all our desires and actions  
are tainted by sin.

***Rom. 5:12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.*

After the fall, every man is still an **image bearer of God**, though **marred** and **tainted** with sin. Every life is still precious. Abnormal fetuses are image bearers of God.

## The Covenant

Adam **broke the covenant** with God by disobeying God's words.

Rebellion against God = sin → curses → death.

But God presents **another covenant** that brings life!

Gen. 3:14 Satan is cursed.

Gen. 3:15 Enmity between Satan and Eve's offspring.

Gen. 3:15 **The One Seed will destroy the enemy!**

The rest of the Bible is **all**  
about the story of this  
Covenant being fulfilled.

**The ultimate goal:** *God will dwell with his people, They will be his people, and God will be their God.*

The Bible:  
Creation–Fall–Redemption–Restoration

***Rom. 5:17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

**Jesus Christ is the promised Seed!**  
Death is crushed on the cross.  
Satan will be crushed on the judgment day.  
Jesus will make all things new.

## **The covenant people await eagerly for this covenant promise!**

### Adam and Eve

- ☛ **Cain:** "I got him!" or "Here he is!"
- ☛ **Seth:** the appointed, compensation  
***Gen. 4:25** For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel ..."*

### The Apostle Paul

***Rom. 16:20** And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

**Whom do you  
belong to?**

**What is your greatest desire in life?**  
What gives you the most joy/grief?  
Who do you live for?

Adam did not immediately die shows the profound graciousness of God. Even today, God is patiently waiting for sinners to come to repentance. Only if you belong to Jesus Christ you may have life and be found right with God.

**Come to Jesus and be found in Him!**