

At the conclusion of Genesis 2 we see a perfect marriage. God's definition and design of the covenant established is set in place. As chapter 3 opens we are introduced to a serpent, of which we know very little about. Through this intruder's interaction with Adam and Eve, we see the tragedy of sin's entrance into the Genesis story. However, even in the midst of the downfall, God reveals His redemptive plan to save the human race.

Genesis 3:1-24

The Fall of Man

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

The far-reaching effects of sin are not necessarily truly recognized. We forget the seriousness of Adam's fall in the Genesis account, and just how destructive the decision to disobey God really was. Similarly, we can sometimes neglect the reality of God's solution given from the very onslaught of man's rebellion in the garden.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT bothers you most about Adam and Eve's rebellion in the garden?

ARE there questions you struggle to understand from the Serpent's temptation and man's fall?

DESCRIBE the most significant thing that comes to mind when you consider Genesis 3.

DO you necessarily think of God's redemptive plan when you ponder Genesis 3?

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OBSERVATION

How is the serpent described in vs. 1?

What question does the serpent ask of Eve?

Describe the lie spoken by the serpent in vs. 5.

What results do you observe from Adam and Eve's disobedience (vs.6-10)?

What question does God ask in vs. 11 and what is Adam's response in vs.

12? What's Eve's response to the Lord's question of her in vs. 13?

What do you observe about God's response to the serpent (vs. 14-19)?

In vs. 20-21, how does God specifically respond to the situation Adam and Eve created?

Describe the consequences mentioned in vs. 22-24 for Adam's sin.

INTERPRETATION

Where did the serpent come from? See Revelation 12 and Jude 6.

What do you notice about the serpent's tactics in this passage that are still his methods today?

Where does Adam seem to be during this exchange? What was he supposed to be doing? See 2:15

Explain what is different with man's relationship to God *now* compared to that of before the fall.

When God responds to the serpent in vs. 14-19, what is meant by *enmity*? Who will it be between, and what will be the result of it?

In vs. 20-24 what is revealed about the promise (vs. 15)? Consider Eve's name, and the Lord's provision to their nakedness.

Why does the Lord now guard the tree of life from Adam? How does He specifically set out to this?

Consider Revelation 22:1-5. What consequence might eating from this tree have if Adam and Eve were to eat from it in this state?

APPLICATION

What specific hope does God's redemptive solution bring you as it shows up immediately after the first sin?