MOUNTAIN PEAKS IN GENESIS

“The Fall of Man”

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THIRD WEEK OF STUDIES

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No creature of earth was honored above man. He was above the creeping things, superior to the fowls, and more honorable than the beast. He was given dominion over all earthly creatures. He surpassed them because he was like God. He was righteous, holy, rational, sensitive, and responsible. He had companionship with his Creator and received direct instructions from Him.

To him God commanded, saying, “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:16, 17).

This was a divine command given in both a positive and negative order with a clearly defined punishment in case of disobedience. The positive part of the commandment was a freedom to eat of every tree in the garden with the exception of one. The negative aspect of the divine law had restrictions. One tree was forbidden. Eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was strictly out of order. Good and evil constitute the heart of moral law. Adam knew the good, but did not know the evil. God never intended for him to know the evil. God’s plan was for man and his posterity to be good forever.

Adam was lonely. God concluded that it was best for him not to be alone. Thus God caused a deep sleep to fall upon him. From the man’s side God took a rib and used it to make a woman. He called her name Eve and gave her to Adam.

The two were companions. To her Adam communicated news of God’s restrictive law. Either from Adam’s conversation or from her own mental reasoning, she came to the conclusion that they should neither taste nor touch the forbidden fruit “lest ye die.”

Questions about the fall of man in Genesis 3.

True or False

______ 1. The serpent was more subtle than any other beast.
______ 2. The serpent had the ability to communicate.
______ 3. The first words spoken to Eve were, “Yea, hath God said.”
______ 4. Listening to the suggestion of the serpent was a sad mistake for Eve.
______ 5. Adam heard the conversation between the serpent and Eve.
Completion Questions

1. Write the first statement of the serpent. _____________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

2. Write the statement that Eve made to the serpent. ________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

3. Give the second statement that the serpent made to Eve. __________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

4. List the three temptations that caused the woman to eat. :
   A. __________________________________________________________________________
   B. __________________________________________________________________________
   C. __________________________________________________________________________

5. After the woman ate, what did she do? __________________________________________

6. Immediately after eating, what happened to Adam and Eve (verse 7)?____________________

7. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard the voice of the Lord God? ________________

8. When God called unto Adam, what did He say? _________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

9. What did Adam say unto God? ________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

10. What was God’s second statement to Adam? ______________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

11. What was Adam’s second statement to God? _____________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________________

12. What was God’s first statement to the woman? ________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________________
13. What was Eve’s first statement to God? ____________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

14. What was God’s statement to the serpent? _________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

15. What was God’s second statement to Eve? _________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

16. What was God’s final statement to Adam? _________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

17. Why did Adam call his wife’s name Eve? _________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

18. Out of what did God clothe Adam and Eve? ________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

19. What did God say to other members of the Trinity? __________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

20. What did Adam do when he was driven out of Eden? _______________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

21. What protection did the tree of life have? _________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
ADAM FELL

Adam fell and great was the fall. This had a more far-reaching effect upon the earth, the serpent, the woman, the man and the total future human race than any other event in history. The earth came under the curse of God, causing the ground to produce thorns and thistles. The woman’s sorrow was multiplied and she became subservient to man, who was to rule over her. The serpent was reduced to the ground and cursed above all cattle, above every beast of the field, and committed to the eating of dust. Enmity was placed between him and the woman and his head was ultimately to be bruised by the seed of the woman. Adam’s curse was immense. He faced toil and sweat, thorns and thistles, a guilty conscience, alienation from God, a contaminated posterity, the horrors of death, and the potentiality of hell.

The disobedience of the first pair established a running battle between God and the devil that has continued to this day and will not end until the final redemption that is set forth in the book of Revelation. The human race has been the focal point of this conflict.

So successful has Satan been in his bid for Adam’s posterity that the total human race (with only one exception, Jesus) has been born under the curse of sin with every person standing in need of the saving grace of God. Paul, in his book of Romans, presents the universality of sin in the human race.

Read Romans 3:9-31.

According to Romans 3:9, what had Paul proved? ______________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

According to Romans 3:10, give a statement about the righteous. ________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

According to Romans 3:11-18, quote Paul’s proof of the universality of sin._____________________
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Adam fell from life unto death, from righteousness unto sinfulness, from obedience to rebellion, from innocence unto guilt, from freedom unto bondage, from peacefulness to troubled anxiety, from honor unto shame, from tranquility in Eden unto toiling sweat abroad.
THE FALL OF MAN
DRILL

Spelling:

1. Man 6. Serpent
2. Good 7. Wisdom
3. Evil 8. Eyes
5. Eve 10. Death

Give the right word:

11. The highest order of God’s earthly creation. ___________________
12. A state of positive moral reality accepted by God. ___________________
13. A state of negative moral reality rejected by God. ___________________
14. The first man. ___________________
15. The first woman. ___________________
16. The beast Satan used to tempt Eve. ___________________
17. Through this the serpent appealed to Eve’s pride of life. ___________________
18. Through this the serpent appealed to Eve’s lust of the eyes. ___________________
19. Through this the serpent appealed to Eve’s lust of the flesh. ___________________
20. The punishment for disobedience. ___________________

True - False Questions on Genesis 3:

21. ______ The serpent was more subtle than any other beast.
22. ______ The serpent had the ability to communicate.
23. ______ The first statement of the serpent to Eve was a question.
24. ______ Eve knew what trees from which she was permitted to eat.
25. ______ Eve added some to what God had said to Adam.
26. ______ The serpent said to Eve, “Ye shall not surely die.”
27. ______ Judging from intent, everything the serpent said to Eve was a lie.
28. ______ The eyes of both Adam and Eve were opened.
29. ______ Eve would not give the food to Adam.
30. ______ Adam refused to eat the fruit.
More Questions from Genesis 3:

31. After the eyes of Adam and Eve were opened, what did they learn? ________________
32. What did they make to cover their shame? ________________
33. Whose voice did they hear in the garden? ________________
34. Who called Adam? ________________
35. What was God's first question? ________________
36. What emotion did Adam express? ________________
37. Whom did Adam blame? ________________
38. Whom did Eve blame? ________________
39. Upon whom did God first pronounce a curse? ________________
40. From what garden was Adam driven? ________________

The Results of the Fall:

41. Who received the curse of eating dust and crawling? ________________
42. Who was to have his head bruised? ________________
43. Who was to have his heel bruised? ________________
44. Who had the curse of multiplied sorrow? ________________
45. What was cursed because Adam listened to Eve? ________________
46. Beside thorns, what was the ground to bring forth? ________________
47. Back to what was Adam to return? ________________
48. According to Romans 5:12, by how many men did sin enter the world? ________________
49. According to 1 Corinthians 15:22, in whom do all die? ________________
50. According to 1 Timothy 2:14, what actually happened to Eve? ________________
ANSWER SHEET FOR THE FALL OF MAN

Give the right word.
11. The highest order of God's earthly creation.  Man
12. A state of positive moral reality accepted by God.  Good
13. A state of negative moral reality rejected by God.  Evil
14. The first man.  Adam
15. The first woman.  Eve
16. The beast Satan used to tempt Eve.  Serpent
17. Through this the serpent appealed to Eve's pride of life.  Wisdom
18. Through this the serpent appealed to Eve's lust of the eyes.  Eyes
19. Through this the serpent appealed to Eve's lust of the flesh.  Food
20. The punishment for disobedience.  Death
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30. F Adam refused to eat the fruit.

More Questions from Genesis 3.
31. After the eyes of Adam and Eve were opened, what did they learn?  They were naked
32. What did they make to cover their shame?  Aprons
33. Whose voice did they hear in the garden?  God's
34. Who called Adam?  God
35. What was God's first question?  Where art thou?
36. What emotion did Adam express?  Fear
37. Whom did Adam blame?  Eve
38. Whom did Eve blame?  The Serpent
39. Upon whom did God first pronounce a curse?  Serpent
40. From what garden was Adam driven?  Eden

The Results of the Fall:
41. Who received the curse of eating dust and crawling?  Serpent
42. Who was to have his head bruised?  Serpent
43. Who was to have his heel bruised?  Seed of Women
44. Who had the curse of multiplied sorrow?  Woman
45. What was cursed because Adam listened to Eve?  Ground
46. Beside thorns, what was the ground to bring forth?  Thistles
47. Back to what was Adam to return?  Ground
48. According to Romans 5:12, by how many men did sin enter the world?  One
49. According to 1 Corinthians 15:22, in whom do all die?  Adam
50. According to 1 Timothy 2:14, what actually happened to Eve?  She was deceived

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