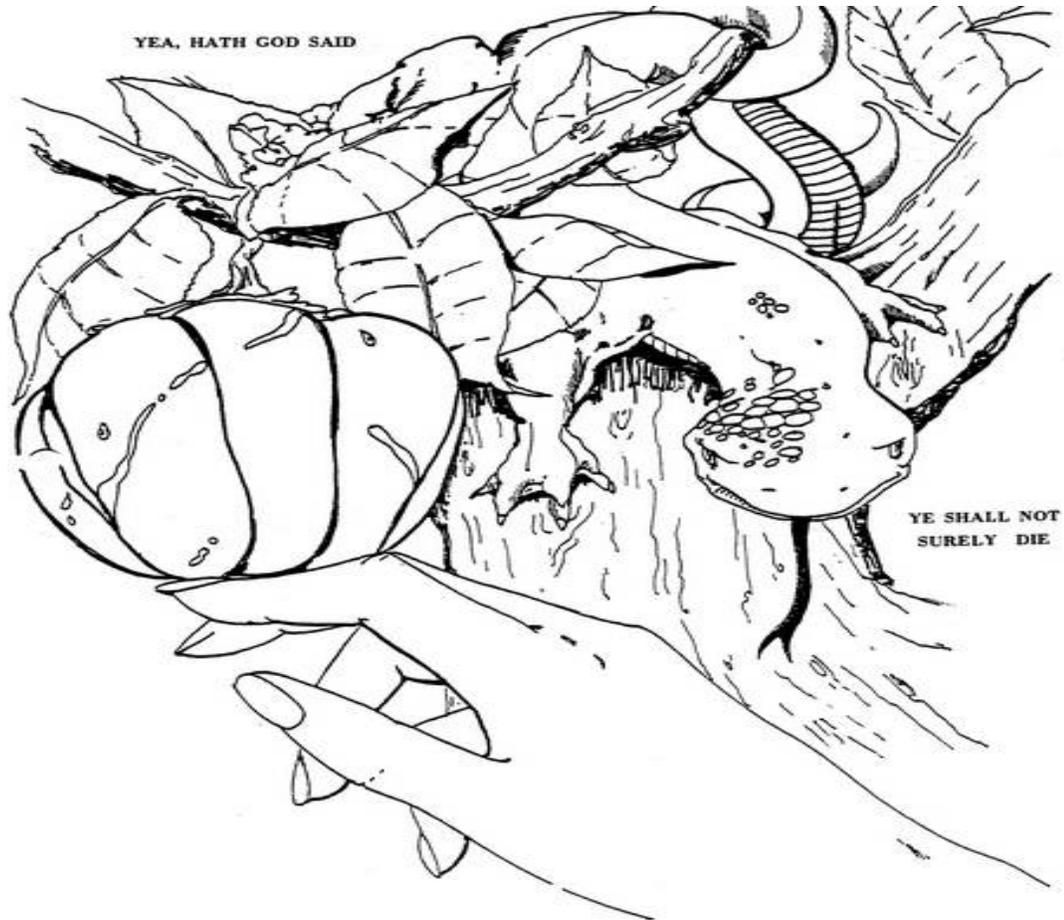


MOUNTAIN PEAKS IN GENESIS

“The Fall of Man”



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THIRD WEEK OF STUDIES

“THE FALL OF MAN”

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. _____

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 |
| 4. Adam | 9. Food |
| 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? _____
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God's
God
Where art thou?
Fear
Eve
The Serpent
Serpent
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Ground
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