

## Lesson 2 – Genesis 3-5

Text: Genesis 3-5

Main Characters: God, Adam, Eve, Serpent (Satan), Cain, Abel

Key Passages:

- Genesis 3:15 – The first prophecy of the coming Savior was given to Satan in a curse.
- Genesis 3:22-24 – Because man was corrupted by sin, he could no longer have the tree of life.
- Revelation 12:9 – The serpent is equated with the devil (Satan)

Songs: *Pha-mi-lee-treez*

Main Storyline:

God created the perfect place for Adam and Eve to live when He gave them Garden of Eden. He had given them two commandments: take care of the garden, and do not eat from the tree that is in the middle of the garden (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil).

One day, a serpent (Satan) asked Eve if she was allowed to eat from any tree she wanted. Eve responded that God had given them every tree except for the tree of knowledge, which they were forbidden to eat or touch, or they would die. Satan explains that she would not die, but that she would become like God, knowing both good and evil. Eve was deceived by Satan and ate the fruit. She also gave some to Adam, who also ate the fruit.

As a result of their sins, Adam, Eve, and the serpent (Satan) were all cursed. God gives the first hint that He would be sending a Savior to save man from his sins and defeat Satan forever. Adam and Eve were forced to leave the garden and the tree of life because they had been corrupted by sin. Their sin led to spiritual death (separation from God) and to physical death (separation from the tree of life).

Adam and Eve later have two sons, Cain and Abel. God instructed them to offer sacrifices to Him. Cain offered fruits of the ground, while Abel offered sheep. God respected Abel's offering because it was righteous, whereas Cain's was not (see Hebrews 11:4). Cain became angry and envious, and ended up killing his brother, Abel. As a result, Cain was cursed by God to be a wanderer.

Adam and Eve have many children and grandchildren, as documented in Genesis 5. Of special note is Enoch, who did not die because he was taken by God for his faithfulness. Genesis 5 is the genealogy of Adam (the main subject of "Before the Flood") to Noah (the main subject of "The Flood").

Lessons/Applications:

- 1.) God and sin are completely incompatible. This is why God could not allow those corrupted by sin to dwell with Him in the garden and the tree of life forever. Jesus' blood takes away our sin (1 John 1:7) and allows us to stand justified before God once again (Romans 5:9).
- 2.) Satan and the world try to convince us that that God is "holding out" on us by giving us laws to obey, or that God is trying to suppress us in slavery to Him. In fact, God knows what is best for us (Deuteronomy 6:24-25), and obedience to God leads to freedom from sin (Romans 6:16-18).
- 3.) "Loin coverings" are not acceptable clothing for men or women. Even though Adam and Eve had made themselves loin coverings from leaves, God had to "clothe them" with animal skins.
- 4.) God still cares about us, even after we sin against Him. He made clothes for Adam and Eve and, more importantly, sent Jesus to die for all of us while we were still in sin (Romans 5:6-9).
- 5.) We must obey God precisely if we want to be respected by Him; if we find out that we are not obeying as He wants us to, we must humble ourselves and change our behavior to please Him.
- 6.) We can escape spiritual death if we, like Enoch, walk with God and please Him (Hebrews 11:5).