

The Story of the Bible

Quarter 1: The Book of Genesis Lesson 2: Genesis 3-5 (Fall of Man)

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Today's Key Takeaways

- Be able to give a basic outline of the first 5 chapters of the book of Genesis
- Understand the meaning of sin and the significance of one committing sin
- We need to more fully appreciate God's love
 - God gives laws that are best for us
 - God promised that the Seed of woman (Jesus) would ultimately defeat Satan
 - If we walk with God, we can escape death

Genesis 3

- The serpent (Satan) spoke to Eve
 - “Has God said, ‘...’”
 - “You will not surely die.”
 - “God knows...”
- Eve was deceived by the serpent and ate
 - 2 Corinthians 11:3
 - 1 Timothy 2:14
- Adam was tempted and ate also
- Adam and Eve felt guilt and shame

Genesis 3

- Adam and Eve hid from God, made loincloths
- God asked if they had eaten from the tree
 - Adam blames Eve
 - Eve blames the serpent
- God cursed all three parties involved
 - Serpent
 - Adam (man)
 - Eve (woman)

Genesis 3

- God made tunics of skin for Adam and Eve
- God sent them out of the Garden
- They could no longer eat from the tree of life, then completely inaccessible to humans

Genesis 3

- God was not lying when He said that man would die if he ate of the tree
 - Physical death: Separation from the tree of life
 - Spiritual death: Separation from God
- In order for man to be saved from his sin, he needed a Savior, that is, Jesus
- Not even Satan fully understood the prophecy
 - 1 Corinthians 2:7-8
 - Acts 2:22-24

Genesis 3

- Recognizing Divine Lessons
 - Why did each person act as he did in the story?
 - How should have each person responded?
 - What changes could have been made if their attitudes and responses had been different?

Genesis 3

- Consider Eve:
 - Ultimately, why did Eve eat the fruit?
 - She was deceived by the serpent (Satan)
 - Of what was the serpent trying to convince Eve?
 - God was lying to her
 - God was suppressing her enjoyment of life
- Satan continues to try to convince us that God is “holding out” on us by giving us laws to obey
 - Deuteronomy 6:24-25
 - Romans 6:16-18

Genesis 3:

- Consider Adam's and Eve's guilt:
 - Why did they feel guilty?
 - They recognized that they were naked
 - What did they do in response to this feeling?
 - They created loin coverings out of fig leaves
 - Why did they hide when they heard God?
 - "...because I was naked." (Despite the fig leaves)
 - What did God do remedy their nakedness?
 - Created tunics of skin, and "clothed them."
- What does this teach us about proper clothing?

Genesis 3

- Ultimately, man could no longer be with God because of his sin
- Consider God's love for man in light of what He does despite man's sin
 - Though man deserves death, God created a plan to allow man to avoid death
 - God was willing to sacrifice Jesus for man for reconciliation (1 John 1:7; Romans 5:9)
- What kind of value does God place on man?

Genesis 4

- Cain and Abel were sons of Adam and Eve
- They were apparently required to make sacrifices to God (first mention of sacrifices)
- Abel's sacrifice was better than Cain's
- Cain became angry and envious of Abel
- Cain eventually killed Abel
- God cursed Cain and put a mark on him
- There are descriptions of Cain's descendents

Genesis 4

- What is the main point of this story?
 - Why did Cain become angry?
 - Cain resented Abel and the respect he received from God for his sacrifice
 - How did Cain deal with his anger?
 - He "talked to his brother"
 - He proceeded to kill him
 - How should he have dealt with it?
 - Rectify the problem with his sacrifice
- We must obey in faith and humility to God

Genesis 5

- Genesis 5 contains the genealogy of man from Adam through Noah
- Each man lived "...and he died"
- The only exception to this is Enoch, who is one of only two men who never died
- Why was Enoch able to escape death?
 - "He walked with God"
 - "God took him"
 - Hebrews 11:5-6

Outline of Genesis

- Genesis 1: Creation
- Genesis 2: Garden of Eden
- Genesis 3: The First Sin
- Genesis 4: Cain Kills Abel
- Genesis 5: Generations of Adam to Noah

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