

Genesis

"God and Man"

Genesis tells how everything came to be
as relevant to man from God's perspective

It's important to read Genesis (and the Bible) as it is, the truthful telling of God what man needs to know

We saw creation from above (God Created, God Said)
We saw creation up close (The LORD God made)

Now we're going to go along on the last day in the Garden

Genesis 3 "The Lord God Called"

3:1a

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.

Right off, we know this is the devil. *Get behind me satan*

God turns our attention here to the serpent, Let's look

Telling my kids about dangerous things

Snakes, lions, cars in the parking lot, hot stove, strangers...

Serpent, snake, image of a snake, mythological creature

Law of first mention, snakes always represent the enemy, evil, sin and it's nature throughout the Bible (serpent on a poll, brood of vipers, etc)

Interesting that it's used as a mythological creature in some contexts

Dinosaurs, Dragons, etc. Obviously we don't want to read too much into it, as the picture of a snake is very clear throughout scripture, but something to consider when going off the ranch a bit

Snakes in my yard - garters, snake on the hiking path wth youth years ago, water snakes on the retreat

Cunning...subtle

subtle, shrewd, crafty, sly, sensible
 crafty
 shrewd, sensible, prudent

A lot of times we get duped by subtleties
 Those lines in the contract
 The things said in an advertisement but we miss the things left out
 The words of someone seducing us, we get buttered up and miss the knife coming

We don't see it until it's too late...just like when you're walking up on a snake...

For the beasts, on a scale of shrewdness, the snake is #1, a ten

I'm sure wolves, other predatory animals are on there, sloth is probably a zero, sheep, too

Beast- chay jus tmeans living thing of the field
 Day six creations, just before man

So picture this, there's this sly snake, maybe curling up the tree...

[3:1-7]

Let's do a little thinking here:

Maybe Eve sees the tree, sees the fruit, goes in for a closer look when "AH, a snake..."
 But she doesn't freak out, get scared, instead she listens to it speak to her!

Maybe the snake was in the grass and they got into this conversation and began getting close to the tree...but isn't the serpent the one who hangs around us, near the stuff we shouldn't do, and call to us?

Think of things like prostitution, drug dealers, anything really, you probably know where it is without even having to really think about it, just because we're aware of these things, and you're not really tempted to do it maybe but then you start driving through that neighborhood, maybe a little curious as to how prevalent it is, maybe you slow down and then, that's when the serpent speaks to you.

Getting alcohol in college in Paterson

The most cunning, subtle, crafty creature tempts Eve...now sin hasn't happened yet, sin is our acting out on the test, the temptation...Jesus was tempted and it wasn't sin for him to be, but he resisted...with God's word.

**The serpent craftily, subtly, cunningly, turns God's words around on Eve...
Like is that what God said? Is that what He really meant?**

That's what begins to happen when we begin to not heed God's word for us...we end up hearing the voice of the enemy leading us into doubts about what God said

really not what He said, but what He meant...

Eve's next mistake, getting into a dialog with the serpent

Cults (walmart, supermarket) - this is what they do, except you're in the snack aisle...maybe that's my forbidden fruit!

Eve finishes it out with the consequence..."lest you die"

And by reading chapter two, we see that God told Adam these words before Eve was created, and it was Adam who relayed God's word to Eve

Another thing, perhaps Eve never took what she heard to be God's word back to God to verify it

[Act 17:10-12 NKJV] 10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily [to find out] whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

She had head knowledge, but perhaps it hadn't become heart knowledge yet. Perhaps she hadn't meditated on it, there was wiggle room underneath it in her soul. She hadn't digested it yet. It hadn't yet become a part of her being.

The serpent QUICKLY strikes on that last word...the consequence

He doesn't focus on the blessing. He doesn't focus on the instruction. He doesn't say how great it is that there are zillions of other trees to eat from...**he just strikes and attacks the one**

thing they haven't seen with their eyes yet, something they're taking on faith...the
 consequence to their actions
Consequences are a big deal
And what do we always think? "It won't/can't happen to me!"

Just this once! No big deal. No one will see. I'll be careful. It won't happen.
 Maybe it doesn't...
 So you do it again, maybe not so carefully this time
 Still nothing
 And again
 And again
 Each time with less resolve or fear of the consequence

Conscience being seared

[1Ti 4:1-3 NKJV] 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

Interesting that verse mentions how it starts...departing faith...giving heed to deceiving spirits/doctrines of demons...the consequences? No marriage (Adam and Eve's first covering), not eating certain foods (almost like a guilt-trip law because we know we ate the wrong thing once...from the same deceiving spirit...)
 So many parallels here

Teaching my kids about consequence

Obedience leads to life, disobedience to death

[Rom 6:23 NKJV] 23 For the wages of sin [is] death, but the gift of God [is] eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

With the foundational twist of the consequence, the serpent begins to wrap himself around Eve's mind, twisting God's intentions, heart of the matter, but still telling the truth that they will be like God, knowing Good and evil

They know Good because they know God and what God has provided for them and what God's word is - both in word and internally in food and relationship and life

But They don't yet personally, intimately, know evil. They know of it (the possibility of disobedience) and the ultimate result of it death

But they don't really understand death. They haven't taken it in by faith.

Eve's faith is twisted here

[Heb 11:1 NKJV] 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

God knows both...he knows exactly what it will be like if they sin. He's the beginning and the end. He knew what the cross would entail. He's perfect and able to know both and yet not be killed by it eternally.

He's capable of handling it without a permanent consequence of death.

Adulthood, maturity - that's what it really is - being an adult is doing the right thing, being aware of the consequence of the wrong thing, and handling dangerous, "powerful" really, things in a proper manner

Hunter safety muzzle control

I've never been hit by a car, but I understand the consequences of it...i can process in my adult mind the thought of thousands of pounds of steel and plastic and energy crushing into a frail, flimsy body of flesh and the effects of it. And EMT might know the gory details, but I get the principle.

Marriage, sex, driving, firearms, cooking, plugging things in, crossing the street, the list goes on...

All of these things are powerful relationships, tools, activities, knowledge...but they are absolutely dangerous and end in serious injury and even death if not handled properly and correctly.

It just takes ONE slip.

This was enough to convince the woman.

"It is good to eat! Look at it. Beautiful!" She hadn't eaten it, but she made her own judgment call about if it was good or not.

She's now looking at it with the serpent's eyes instead of God's eyes...instead of God's word in her conscience, she has the serpents...which changes the color of everything entering her soul through her eyes

Her worldview has been changed...an inception, a replacement of God's definition of God's word with the serpent's definition of God's word

[Mat 6:22-23 NKJV] 22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great [is] that darkness!

Rose colored glasses...

God said it wasn't god, but now seeing it for herself in front of her, yeah, it's good to eat.

Look at the world we live in now...full of things being called "good, moral, wholesome, safe, right, natural, good to _____" even though we haven't fully experienced the consequence of it

Eating of the fruit in the 60's is now bearing death today

Letting in people by the droves in Europe is now bearing fruit by more and more terrorist attacks.

Letting those little things into our lives now leads to bigger consequence later

[Gal 5:9 NKJV] 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

*Air in the AC system - always in the back of my mind
Cody's Lab blowing through the tube*

Desirable to make one wise

Wait, what? The fruit didn't do that, but that's what the serpent convinced her
Your foolish for believing God
There's a whole nother world out there

But wait...what truly is wisdom? Not self discovery. Not philosophy. Not questioning everything (although, go ahead, question scripture, it can't be beat...there are no plot holes)

[Pro 9:10 NKJV] 10 "The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One [is] understanding.

She didn't fear God...**immediately she becomes foolish.**

She decided in her heart to trust a snake over God.
Romans 1...

[Psa 14:1 NKJV] 1 To the Chief Musician. [A Psalm] of David. The fool has said in his heart, "[There is] no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

You can trace this to a lot of little mistakes

(James and I talking about workplace accidents, it's always a bunch of little mistakes all happening at once that lead up to the big thing...)

Looking at the tree, going near the tree, not running from the snake, listening to the snake, talking to the snake, taking the snakes advice...

She took, she ate...she gave to her husband, and he ate

Reminds me of communion in reverse

Wait, Adam, really?

You were there...she didn't sneak the bad apple into your lunch

Man, the influence of the hot, naked woman who pays attention to you is strong...

Is it any wonder the enemy uses sex, women, lust, nudity to sell? To change minds? It's powerful.

I value my wife's influence toward Godliness in me, but man, if we're not paying attention to God, obeying him, quickly we'll influence each other in the wrong direction

Eve really thought she was foolish...missing wisdom...maybe because Adam told her what God said and her feminist side was showing...

But Adam, did you not believe?

Sin and transgression - Eve sins, she was deceived, perhaps this creature of God is sent to show me the full truth...but Eve, a snake? They're not made in God's image...God sends his image to speak to us...

Adam was fully aware of the situation, but he transgressed - he purposely did what he wanted, which was to do whatever Eve was doing, make her happy, be liked by her, whatever it took

It didn't kick in until they both ate...there was a bit of a time delay

"Sin is fun for a season"

The snake didn't eat of the tree, maybe it did...God didn't tell the snake not to eat of it, animals are just to be fruitful and multiply...their role is different

She's chewing, he's taking a bite (can you hear the delicious sound?), maybe he chews a little faster...mmm, that's good...swallow... wait, something's not right... wait...we're both naked

Like in a dream, everything's going on, well, fun, then stuff starts to get weird, you begin to realize things are off and you wake up...

they realize in their minds, WE'RE NAKED. They both knew.

Back to the future 2, "im old/young"

The eyes of **both of them** were opened.

There was a dimension they could not yet see.

Advanced mathematicians, children, multiple dimensions, studying genesis ...10 dimensions?

Spiritual world hidden from our eyes. behind/above/beneath our universe. A gap fixed to which no one can cross.

Immediately the ran around and got fig lives and sewed...so sewing was the first invention perhaps? We'll see they didn't do a very good job of it, and even if they did, the material covering them was wholly inadequate.

The coverings we make for ourselves after we sin...

Wash hands, cold showers, cover up, stay in the dark, don't answer the phone, withdraw, etc., etc...

Now the world says, no, come out of the closet, be proud of whatever your sin is. It can be you if you want it to be!

**All sorts of flaky ideas sewn together in a loose tapestry
And That covering is equally as inadequate.**

Made themselves coverings...

Their first covering was the word of God...covering their conscience, preventing their conscience from the weight of sin, the effect of sin, **being exposed**

Coverings - girdle, belt

girdle, loin-covering, belt, loin-cloth, armour

I mean, tell me this doesn't sum up this event in Genesis

[Rom 1:20-25 NKJV] 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible [attributes] are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify [Him] as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

[8-13]

THEN the Lord God called...like just then

How often does it happen that just as we're about to sin, or we've just sinned, or in that neighborhood, so to speak, that we get that call, that text, that reminder of a verse, we bump into someone we're about to sin against or would be ashamed of if they knew...

Not always, but God is gracious sometimes to let it happen to us, that it might be exposed and dealt with, and not totally corrupt us for good

[Num 32:23 NKJV] 23 "But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

**God comes walking in the garden...something they must regularly do
They hear, and hide**

Hiding from parents at parties, oh no, coming home, quick, clean up, or hide

Where are you?

Lord of the rings...frodo slips between visibility in different spiritual dimensions

Not that God couldn't see Adam and Eve, but they weren't were they were supposed to be

You just know sometimes when something is off, amiss, wrong...especially in a close relationship

Are you in your bed? ... I know he's not

Calling him to the knowledge of where he is and where he should be, causing him to look at it, even if he doesn't know i know or not

V9/10

God calls, Adam responds...eventually...perhaps God was calling, they hid, God kept calling and walked right up to the bushes they were hiding in, plain as day, Adam, where are you?

Then Adam says right there..."i heard your voice..."

Because i was naked

God shouldn't have to call us. There's probably something wrong in us if he is over and over.

"The calling of God... " I get it in a new testament, discipling sense, as a vocational calling in a way, a life calling, a general calling of life...but in everyday things...God shouldn't have to call us, we should be wanting to be right where he is at the expected time. Not out of a duty, law, or fear, but because we can't wait to spend time with him.

Like showing up for a date with someone you love...you know something is wrong in the relationship when they don't show up

Who told you? Did you eat what I told you not to?

God knew someone told him and he ate.

Interesting God says who...not what...that perhaps this serpent wasn't just any serpent

Adam, in a way, blames God

The woman YOU gave me

He points the finger at God and Eve

No repentance here.

God turns attention on Eve know, will deal with them all once everything is out

He says, what is this you have done?

She doesn't say she gave it to Adam, she blames the serpent and says she ate

She let the serpent deceive her

[14 - 19]

God turns his attention to the serpent

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the beasts...

You were the craftiest of them all, now you're also the most cursed of them all

Crooked cops going to jail, pedophiles getting killed in jail

Even the most vilest sinning Prisoners hate them both

Punishment/consequence

Physical: On your belly, Eat dust

Spiritual: hatred between women and serpent and offspring

Both physical creature and spiritual creature - perhaps this is what happened to dragons?

Dinosaurs? I don't know...but snakes are on the ground. If they didn't crawl on their belly before, there must have been something lifting them up before

But also the spiritual dragon (like woman riding the beast in revelation) has consequences

All those spiritual offspring of the devil will be against all humanity and humanity when saved is against the serpent

The head cut off...cults, dictatorships (iraq...everyone fleeing), terrorist organizations, criminal organizations, etc...even good ones, when the shepherd is struck the sheep scatter...when the head is cut off the snake, the body dies

Woman

Greatly (same word twice, Jesus would do that for emphasis) multiple sorrow and

Labor pain to be greatly increased...it was never intended to be so

Pregnancy greatly increased...maybe it was faster before the fall? But pregnancy is hard from what I've heard and seen

Maybe it was easier to get pregnant then

"A woman's work is never finished"

Pain to bring children forth, there's joy at the end, but before the fall, not the same

Spiritual - desire to rule over her husband but he will rule over you

Look at the history of women being objectified, even by their own will

Feminism fights it but only to reverse it, only to make women the slave driver and men the slave

Christianity, Jesus, brings true equality...Not ruling over, but watching over

The word can be described as a beast devouring...bad relationships devour each other

Adam

Heeded the voice of eve...your wife

**The earth is cursed to remind adam, to teach adam, to warn adam not to repeat the sin
Toil just to eat...when before you just walked and picked, now it's a lifetime of labor**

It will even fight you - thorns and thistles...weeds created

SIN AFFECTS EVERYTHING

SWEAT TIL YOU DIE AND RETURN TO THE PILE OF DIRT THAT YOU WERE MADE FROM

**Graciously, Adam's spiritual calling still remains, perhaps because he wasn't
deceived...he was disobedient**

*God is merciful in that way, to allow our gifts and calling to remain, that perhaps we won't carry
them out in the best way intended, but he still wants them carried out to the best we can do
under any consequence we might have to live with*

[Rom 11:29 NKJV] 29 For the gifts and the calling of God [are] irrevocable.

[20-24]

Adam's last job in the garden... naming Eve

Mother of all living...sorry guys, we didn't evolve...she's the chicken and the egg...

**God didn't forget about their covering after He meted out their punishment and
consequence**

What if they straight up repented then? Would they have remained in the garden? Sometimes it's just too late. Even repentance won't change the consequence.

[1Jo 5:16-17 NKJV] 16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin [which does] not [lead] to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not [leading] to death. There is sin [leading] to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not [leading] to death.

Not that there is any sin that doesn't bear the fruits of death, but when serious sin is involved, we need to act, not just pray.

Kids running the street, doing something so dangerous death is close.

Someone doing something not quite bringing about immediate death? Pray. At some point God will deal with it, perhaps even give you an opportunity to speak into their lives

God made them tunics of skin

I'm sure he could have just said it and it would exist, but seeing how the Bible shows things, uses them as examples, Jesus being the first high priest, killing and sacrificing animals for their sin offering and making them a covering out of the skin...weaving together the perfect outfit to cover their shame and protect their frailty.

Envision this from God's perspective or at least the camera trained on him throughout this account...looking at him walking the in garden...

[Heb 4:14-16 NKJV] 14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all [points] tempted as [we are, yet] without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

[Heb 7:15-19 NKJV] 15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifies: "You [are] a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." 18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, [there is the] bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

[Pro 19:11-12 NKJV] 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory [is] to overlook a transgression. 12 The king's wrath [is] like the roaring of a lion, But his favor [is] like dew on the grass.

Doing work on the sabbath since the beginning

Withered hand healing

Donkey in a ditch

We've had it all along...we miss it! We forget it. We doubt it. We flat out ignore it, disobey it, disregard ... HIM

[Eph 4:30 NKJV] 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Behold, man has become like one of us...we'll see more of this in a few chapters when God sees Babel

God kicks them out of the garden, not because of their sin directly, but because the consequence of their sin (being in a fallen state) now puts them in danger of being stuck that way forever if they eat of another tree

Grace and mercy in the logical conclusion God comes to...we have to take them out of here and keep them out as long as they're under the consequence in this life

Cherubim placed there

AND

A flaming sword turned every way...

God's word is a sword, right?

Perhaps it wasn't just angels placed there...to keep other angels out from bringing fruit to them...spiritual safeguards...but the sword had it's own mission as well

Interesting people want eternal life apart from God these days

The sword GUARDS THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE

The law is a tutor, right? A schoolmaster, guiding us to the truth?

The Bible guards our way to the tree of life...we must go through Jesus first...the tree will be in heaven

There's no other way

[Rev 22:1-6 NKJV] 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, [was] the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each [tree] yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name [shall be] on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. 6 Then he said to me, "These words [are] faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

THEY STOPPED SHORT. There was another, a better tree waiting for them...they could eat freely of...