

Why We Live in a World of Sin

Genesis 3:1-19

I. Satan's deceit brings selfish desire, Genesis 3:1-5.

A. The paradise Adam and Eve enjoyed, 2:15-18.

1. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 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. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. vs. 15-18.

B. The plan Satan employed, Genesis 3:1-5.

1. ...hath God said... vs. 1.

2. ...ye shall be as gods... vs. 5.

3. Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations...

4. Isaiah 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

5. John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

6. James 1:14-15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

7. Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

II. Selfish desire brings sinful decisions, Genesis 3:6.

A. The chain of events, vs. 6.

1. ...the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise... vs. 6.

2. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. I John 2:16.

3. ...good for food... Genesis 3:6 ...lust of the flesh... I John 2:16.

4. ...pleasant to the eyes... Genesis 3:6 ...lust of the eyes... I John 2:16.

5. ...to make one wise... Genesis 3:6 ...pride of life... I John 2:16.

6. ...stones be made bread... Matthew 4:3 ...lust of the flesh... I John 2:16.

7. ...cast thyself down... Matthew 4:6 ...pride of life... I John 2:16.

8. ...kingdoms of the world... Matthew 4:8 ...lust of the eyes... I John 2:16.

9. Romans 10:17 ...faith cometh by hearing...

10. ...when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband... Genesis 3:6.

III. Sinful decisions bring sure defeat, Genesis 3:7-19.

A. An awareness of self, vs. 7.

1. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked... vs. 7.

B. An appearance of shame, Genesis 3:8-13.

1. ...hid themselves... vs. 8.

2. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. vs. 12-13.

C. An anticipation of separation, Genesis 3:16&19.

1. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee... vs. 16.

2. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. vs. 19.

D. An answer of a Saviour, Genesis 3:15.

1. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. vs. 15.

2. Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

3. Romans 8:1&4 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

4. I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.