

Sermon Notes Gen. 3:1-24

Temptation and Disobedience:

- 1-7 This is not evil invading (incoming sin), rather it is creatures rebelling.
 - V1 "Did God really say..." assumes God's word is subject to our judgement
 - V4 "You will not certainly die" who's word is to be trusted?
 - V5 "God knows you will be like God" (this is the serpent's claim, not God's) therefore God becomes the rival and enemy. Divine love is an eternal service, the fruit is (false) self-actualisation.
 - V7 "eyes opened" wasn't what the serpent promised; innocence lost and forever spoilt. The fruit of sin is shame, suffering and death.

Confrontation:

- 8-13 The reaction.
 - V8 They hid from 'the face of God' (see. Rev. 6:16,22:4)
 - V10 "afraid" because of their nakedness, this is 'shame' because they've been disobedient to God.
 - V12-13 The responsibilities; man, woman and serpent.

Sentence:

- 14-19 The requirements of the consequences.
 - V14 Notice no questions are put to the serpent, only the consequences.
 - V16 the sentence for women; sorrow in conception, pain in childbirth, and marriage becomes 'desire and dominance' (not love and cherish). Now, a consequence is that woman will be subjugated, which is not God's original plan.
 - V17-19 The sentence for man is the curse on creation; the ground requires hard work to produce, it brings forth thorns and thistles, and mankind will return to the dust from which he (they) were created.
- 20 The naming of Eve. Notice Adam's recognition of the promise inherit within the curse upon her – she will have children, even though it will be pain filled.
- 21 The clothing of mankind by God their Lord. Tunics of skin rather than sewn leaves. The necessity of sacrifice and welfare.

Paradise Lost:

- 22-24 The new world order. No more joint responsibility and care by humans, they are now the cause of suffering.
 - V22 "like one of Us, knowing good and evil" the problem of living forever and doing their own thing, rather than depending upon God.
 - V23 Being sent out of Eden isn't part of the sentence, it's actually mercy! Mankind now needs redemption, which is the ongoing story for humans throughout the Bible.
 - V24 Which part of this account means 'man' and which part means mankind (humans)? Was the man the only one driven from Eden? (no) Cherubim and a flaming sword guard the way to the tree of life for eternity.