

The “Genesis” of Sin

Genesis 3:1-24

Introduction:

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29-31 ESV)

Adam: How To Love God

1. God Makes the Land For the Man to Dwell in a Relationship with God (2:5-6)
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3. God Invites the Man to Live in God’s Presence (2:8)
4. God Richly Provides For the Man (2:9-14)
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6. God Blesses The Man’s Obedience and Punishes the Man’s Disobedience (2:16-17)

Eve: How To Love Your Neighbor

7. God Makes the Woman to Complete the Man (2:18)
8. God Shows the Man He is Unable to Find Completeness Apart from the Woman (2:19-20)
9. God Uniquely Makes the Woman from The Man, Not From The Ground (2:21)
10. God Makes the Man and the Woman Dependent On Each Other To Worship and Obey the Lord God Together (2:22-25)

The Battle: Satan and God

| Satan (3:1-7) | God (3:8-24) |
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| Desire of Sin 3:1-5 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (James 1:14) | Confession of Sin 3:8-13 |
| Birth of Sin 3:6 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, (James 1:15a) | Condemnation of Sin 3:14-19 |
| Fruit of Sin 3:7 and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (James 1:15b) | Separation of Sin 3:20-24 |

SATAN: The Desire of Sin (3:1-5)

Character: Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the **Lord God** had made.

- And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (Revelation 12:9)
- And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. (Revelation 20:2-3)

Temptation 1: Misquotes God: He said to the woman, “Did God (Elohim) actually say, ‘You (plural) shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

Biblical Response: And the **Lord God** *commanded* the man, *saying*, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Translation: When you eat of it, you will be sentenced to death and therefore doomed to die” John Walton. P175).

Eve’s Response Slightly Altars God’s Word: And the woman said to the serpent, “We (Adam and Eve) may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God (Elohim) said, ‘You (Adam and Eve) shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, **neither shall you (Adam and Eve) touch it, lest you (Adam and Eve) die.**’”

Temptation 2: Argues Against Eve’s Words, not God’s: But the serpent said to the woman, “You (Adam and Eve) will not surely die.

Temptation 3: Misdirects from the Real Argument: For God (Elohim) knows that when you (Adam and Eve) eat of it your (Adam and Eve) eyes will be opened, and you (Adam and Eve) will be like God (Elohim), knowing good and evil.”

SATAN: The Birth of Sin (3:6)

Focus of Temptations:

- So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and
- that it was a delight to the eyes, and
- that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,

| LOCATION | SATAN | JESUS | EXPLANATION | MATTHEW 4 | GENESIS 3 | I JOHN 2 | JAMES 1 |
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| Wilderness | Eat | Don’t Eat | Live by God’s Word | Eat when you turn the stones into bread | Eat the fruit because it is good for food | Cravings of the Sinful Man | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (James 1:14) ○ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, (James 1:15a) ○ and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (James 1:15b) |
| Temple | Jump | Don’t Jump | Don’t Test God | Angels will protect you when you jump | You will not die, but it is pleasing to the Eye | Lust of the Eyes | |
| Mountain | Bow | Don’t Bow | Worship and Serve God | All the kingdoms if you worship Satan | You will be like God | Boasting of what we have and do | |

Surrender to Temptation

- she took of its fruit and ate, and
- she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and
- he ate.

| MATT. 4 | JESUS ON THE CROSS |
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| Eat when you turn the stones into bread | And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. (Matthew 27:33-34). After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28-30) |
| Angels will protect you when you jump | And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” (Matthew 27:39-43) Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But |

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| | the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. (Matthew 27:45-49 / Psalm 22:1) |
| All the kingdoms if you worship Satan | It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, " Father, into your hands I commit my spirit! " And having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46 / Psalm 31:5) |

SATAN: The Fruit of Sin (3:7)

- Then the eyes of both were opened, and
- they knew that they were naked. And
- they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

| Before Sin | After Sin |
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| Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:24-25) | <p>NAKED: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and</p> <p>SHAME: twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him,</p> <p>NAKED: they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.</p> <p>SHAME: As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.</p> <p>NAKED: And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.</p> <p>SHAME: And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. (Matthew 27:27-44)</p> |

GOD: The Confession of Sin 3:8-13

And they heard the sound of the **Lord God** walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the **Lord God** among the trees of the garden.

But the **Lord God** called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Then the **Lord God** said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

God's Confession of Sin

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all

once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

GOD: The Condemnation of Sin 3:14-19

Serpent: War with the Man and Woman (3:14-15)

The **Lord God** said to the serpent,

1. “Because you have done this, /cursed are you above all livestock / and above all beasts of the field;
2. on your belly you shall go, /and dust you shall eat /all the days of your life.
3. I will put enmity between you and the woman, / and between your offspring and her offspring;
4. he shall bruise your head, /and you shall bruise his heel.”

Woman: War With the Man (3:16)

To the woman he said,

1. “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; / in pain you shall bring forth children.
2. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, / but he shall rule over you.”

Man: War With God (3:17-20)

And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife / and have eaten of the tree / of which I commanded you, / ‘You shall not eat of it,’

1. cursed is the ground because of you; / in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
2. thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; /and you shall eat the plants of the field.
3. By the sweat of your face / you shall eat bread,
4. till you return to the ground, / for out of it you were taken;
5. for you are dust, / and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Spiritual Warfare: The Condemnation of Sin

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

GOD: The Separation of Sin 3:21-24

1. And the **Lord God** made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
2. Then the **Lord God** said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”
3. therefore the **Lord God** sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.
4. He drove out the man, and
5. at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Tabernacle: Separation

THE VEIL: “And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place. And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand on the south side of the tabernacle opposite the table, and you shall put the table on the north side. (Exodus 26:31-35)

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT: “They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it. You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them. The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.

THE CHERUBIM PROTECTING THE MERCY SEAT: “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. And you shall make **two cherubim of gold**; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. **Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.** And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel. (Exodus 25:10-22)

JESUS: DESTROYED THE SEPARATION

THE VEIL TORN: And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” Matthew 27:50-54)

CHURCH: ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

JESUS THE HIGH PRIEST: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that **he opened for us through the curtain**, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the **confession** of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:19-25)