

## Beginning of Sin Genesis 3

### I. God's Relationship with Humans – 2:18-25

#### 1. God's purpose in Creation of Humans – 1:26-27

- Human in God's image with whom He can fellowship  
Intimate fellowship where they live together as one  
O.T. see Wife of Jehovah – N.T. the Bride of Christ
- 2. God provided this for man on human level – 2:21-22  
Creating a woman for man who is out of his own body
- 3. Lays down principle of husband & wife priority – 2:24  
This was for us – it had no application for Adam
- 4. Intimate relationship that is totally exposed – 2:25  
Man and wife, both naked and were not ashamed  
Openness that demonstrates complete trust

### II. Why the Temptation?

- 1. If relationship is built on trust, it must be seen  
If humans are to trust God there must be an option
- 2. If man is to have a will there must be choice  
He knows what God said in Genesis 2:16-17  
God makes His directions clear – with consequence  
Now he needs to be permitted to hear another voice

### III. The Temptation – 3:1-7

- 1. The Serpent – more crafty than any – 1  
In a perfect environment how is man enticed?  
There is another creature who has sinned  
Lucifer created as arch-angel – Ezek. 28:11-19  
With pride He seeks to be like God – Isa. 14:12-15  
He was able to take a host of angels with him  
Became demonic spirits involved in temptation  
Satan & his hosts appear as deceivers  
Even as angels of light – 2 Cor. 11:13-15
- 2. Serpent became the instrument of Satan  
Crafty and in some way attractive to Eve  
Serpents as we know them are cursed– 3:14  
Satan is called the “ancient serpent” Rev. 12:9  
He is the deceiver in this spiritual conflict
- 3. He raised doubt in Eve's mind – 3:1  
“Did God actually say you shall not eat of any tree in the garden?” – raising a question
- 4. Eve opened the door to doubt – 2-3  
By altering what God had said  
Left out “freely” limiting God's gracious provision  
Added “neither shall you touch it” – more restrictive  
“Shall surely die” to “lest you die” – leaving room
- 5. Serpent countered with denial – 4  
“You shall not surely die”
- 6. Followed with an accusation - 5  
Challenging God's goodness  
He doesn't want you to know what He knows  
“eyes opened, like God, knowing good and evil”  
Truth is – God revealed to them “good & evil”
- 7. Encouraged she made personal exam - 6

Used her own natural senses to evaluate

“saw that the tree was good for food”

“it was a delight to the eyes”

“was desired to make one wise”

Note 1 John 2:16 – World's evaluation system

- 8. Took fruit, ate, gave to husband, he ate – 6  
In disregard to what God had said
- 9. Knowledge brought shame, guilt & fear – 7  
Knew they were naked – Fig leaves as loin cloths

### IV. Accountability – 3:8-13

- 1. Heard the presence of God – 8  
“Walking in the garden in the cool of the day”
- 2. Hid themselves among the trees – 8  
Hid from “presence of the Lord God”  
Knew there was a brake in their relationship
- 3. But God called them – His grace – 9  
Called to the man – “where are you?”
- 4. Acknowledged fear & nakedness – 10
- 5. How did you discover nakedness – 11  
Did you eat of forbidden tree?
- 6. Attempt to shift responsibility – 12  
“Woman you gave me gave it to me & I ate it”  
Woman then shifted blame onto serpent – 13  
“Serpent deceived me and I ate”

### V. God's Judgment – 3:14-19

- 1. God's curse on the serpent – 14  
For its involvement with Satan's attack  
“on your belly you shall go, dust you shall eat all the days of your life”
- 2. God's conflict with Satan – 15  
“Enmity between you and the woman”  
“Between your offspring and her offspring”  
“He shall bruise your head”  
“And you shall bruise His heel”  
Seed-line conflict leading to victorious Savior  
He shall triumph but at the cost of His own life
- 3. Judgment on the woman – 16  
“multiply your pain in childbearing”  
“in pain you shall bring forth children”  
“your desire shall be for your husband  
And he shall rule over you”  
Seems to point to breakdowns in marriage
- 4. Judgment on Adam (men) – 17-19  
“Because you have listened to your wife”  
Have not wanted to accept responsibility  
The ground is under a curse – Rom. 8:19-22  
No longer subject to man's control  
Man will suffer pain growing food all his life  
Thorns & thistles will grow among crops  
Sweat & toil will continue until death comes

## **VI. God's Grace – 3:20-24**

1. She is "Eve" Mother of all living – 20  
She is head of the seed-line that brings hope
2. God provided covering for nakedness – 21  
Man's covering (fig leaves) unacceptable  
God made covering of animal skins  
Established need of a blood sacrifice
3. God sealed off Tree of Life – 22-24  
Protecting sinners from living forever in sin