

Sunday School - Junior Class

Lesson 3 – Disobedience in the Garden of Eden

Introduction to Sunday School

- **Attendance** – are there any students who need homework emailed to them?
- **Bible/Binder/Journal/Coloring Pencils**– do they have them?
- **Homework** - collect last week and hand back marked work
- **Memory Verses** – glue memory card onto sheet on wall.

Review (*Creation Genesis 1-2*)

- Fundamental Lesson – God wants us to be separated that He might create in us a glorious dwelling for Himself
- If the God of all the earth can set an example for us of resting on the Sabbath – do we make sure we do things to be a good example to those younger or less mature around us?
- God has a timetable, when He says He is going to do something he does – do we make sure to follow through on our promises when we say we are going to do things?
- In the opening chapters of Genesis, all in one story God tell us:
 - how He physically created the earth
 - His plan to create a spiritual creation in the earth (7000-year plan)
 - how we can change from being in darkness and void to a bountiful creation that God can be manifested in.

Lesson (*read Genesis 2:15-17; 3*)

- The garden of Eden (delight) was a lovely place for Adam & Eve to enjoy the beautiful things God had created – imagine a perfect garden, not a weed or thorn in sight, tame animals coming to you, and your best friend to be with you every day. Never worrying about being hungry or cold or sick.
- Right in the middle of this paradise God had placed two special trees – the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God commanded Adam & Eve that they should not eat of the fruit, for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.... the command was very simple.
- Disobedience of God’s law is sin *Romans 6:23* Adam and Eve both understood this.
- *Genesis 3:1-6* the serpent (like all animals) has no moral conscience of right or wrong – he observed that the angels knew good and evil, so it questioned Eve about what God said. Eve clearly understood what God had asked of her. The serpent’s next words put doubt in her mind. Once that doubt had been planted she looked at the tree in a new way. She was deceived by the serpent’s lie and disobeyed God’s command.
- *James 1:14, 1 John 2:16* We sin when we are drawn away by our own lusts.
 - **She saw the tree was good for food – the lust of the flesh**
 - **The tree was pleasant to the eyes – the lust of the eyes**
 - **To be desired to make one wise – the pride of life**
- Eve gave in to the temptation. Once she had eaten, she brought the fruit to Adam for him to eat – he was not deceived but he listened to his wife and ate in direct disobedience to God.
- As soon as they ate the fruit, they knew they had done wrong. They had never felt embarrassed or ashamed by their nakedness before, but now they knew they needed to be covered. They tried to make their own covering before the angels saw them.

- When they heard the angels of God talking as they walked in the garden, they tried to hide. They knew God would be displeased and they were afraid.
- When faced with having to admit their faults – each blamed someone else for their sin. Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent – neither wanted to take responsibility for their actions.
- God’s punishment for their sin:

	Before the sin in the garden	After the sin in the garden
Man	2:15 “God took the man into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it”	3:18 “cursed will be the ground because of you, thorns and thistles It shall grow, in sorrow you shall eat of it.”
Woman	1:27-28 “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”	3:16 “in sorrow you shall bring forth children”
Serpent	3:1 “serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made”	3:14 “cursed are you more then all cattle and more than every beast of the field, on your belly you shall go.”

- Their “job” pre-disobedience in the Garden haven't changed – it’s not like Adam had no work to do, and now men have to go work every day to provide for their families, or that having children is now a curse on woman because of Eve – before the fall in the garden they were commanded to bring forth children – it’s that now everything will be done cursed or “in sorrow”.
- In God’s punishment to them, He also foretold the way that they were going to be brought back to Him.

Serpent	Seed of the Serpent	ENMITY Hatred or Hostility – a conflict would develop because of two different ways of thinking.	Seed of the Woman	Woman
Had an idea but was a lie. That lie deceived others and they died.	People who have their own ideas and want to do things their way. Disregard the thinking of God.		Those that follow thinking of Truth. Ultimately the LJC – born of a woman but the son of God (Luke 1:31, 35). He did no sin (Hebrews 4:15, 1 Pet 2:22)	The women spoke the Truth. She comes to represent those who follow after Godly thoughts.
When the seed of the serpent put Christ to death, it was a bruise to the heel – but the grave could not hold him because of his perfect obedience. By his resurrection he crushed the head of the serpent – Romans 6:9				

- Adam and Eve had first tried to cover themselves to hide their shame from God. They had tried to do it “their way” but God had to show them how serious their crime was. For the first time something was going to die, and the skin of the animal killed was used to cover their nakedness (and shame). Sin puts a barrier between us and God. Only by recognizing that the old man had to be put to death and live unto righteousness can we

saved. The Lord Jesus Christ set the ultimate example for us – he did put his flesh to death every day of his life, and ultimately in his sacrifice. Gal 3:27 speaks of us “putting on Christ” when we are baptized.

- But in their current sinful state, Adam and Eve could not eat of the tree of life and live forever. They had to leave the beautiful garden that had been their only home and go out into the unknown. God left a way open to the Tree of Life “keep the way” - those that want to find it, can! God hasn’t cast us off forever, He wants to dwell with people who love Him and want to obey Him.

Main Lessons for Us

- Disobedience to any of God’s laws is sin and we must recognize that.
- Psalm 119:11 tells us that we must hide God’s word in our heart that when tempted by sin we might turn away from it.
- It is so important from the earliest age to learn that what God has said is right. As we grow up we develop a conscience that helps us choose good and turn from evil. God has given us this conscience to help us! Psalm 16:8
- Eve gave in to the temptation – if we are going to overcome temptation in our own lives we must understand the process: Eve listened, next she looked, finally she disobeyed. When faced with similar temptations, the LJC responded with a clear “thus saith the LORD” – he allowed the word of God to influence his every thought and action.
- When we sin, it is too easy to put the blame on others – we have to learn to accept that we have failed, admit it and apologize.
- God wants to dwell with us, but we have to acknowledge that it is on His terms.

Bible Marking

Places (Orange)

Chapter 2:15 3:8 (2x), 23, 24

Time (Green)

3:8

Women in the Beginning Journals 😊

Introduce Project

Hand out Journals and example page for Eve

Project Book

Start Page 1 in class, finish as part of homework