THE PLAN – GOD'S PERFECT PROVISION Genesis 3

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1"Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" ² "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³ "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" ⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil. ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too." **Genesis 3:1-6**

ENEMY'S PLAN FOR TEMPTATION

¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. **James 1:14-15**

WE QUESTION GOD'S WORD AND INTEGRITY

"Did God say....." "God knows your eyes will be opened"

WE SEEK AUTONOMY

"She wanted the wisdom it would give her"

WE CHOOSE FOR OURSELVES

"So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her"

RESULT OF GIVING IN TO TEMPATION

SHAME

⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So, they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

DECIET

⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So, they hid from the Lord God among the trees.

BLAME

¹² The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it." **Genesis 3:12-13**

SEPERATION

Listen! The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. ² It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

OUR PEACE COMES FORM WHAT GOD PROVIDES, PERMITS, AND PROHIBITS

GOD'S PLAN AND PROVISION

HE CALLED FOR THEM

Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" Gen. 3:9

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **Matt. 11:28-29**

HE COVERED THEIR SHAME

And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. Gen. 3:21

As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced (put to shame). Rom. 10:11

HE GAVE THEM GRACE

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Eph. 2:8

HE PRIORITIZES BLAME

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. **Gen. 3:14**

A REDEEMER AND VICTORY

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel. **Gen. 3:15**

But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. **1 John 3:8**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your initial observations?

Looking back at the "Results of giving into temptation," is there one that is more significant to you?

How did God's decision reflect on Him being a God of justice, but also a God of redemption?

Is there an area of your life this story reminds you of?

How can we pray for you?

Week 1 - Chronological Reading Plan 2024

1. Genesis 1-3 2. Genesis 4-7 3. Genesis 8-11 4. Job 1-5 5. Job 6-9 6. Job 10-13 7. Job 14-16