

Sermon Outline and Questions

Pastor Josh – Sun 27th Aug 2023

Genesis Ch 3:8-15

The Fall of a Kingdom.

Reference made to Jericho as example of a kingdom falling and more and more kingdoms falling.

- There is no kingdom that has impacted us more than the kingdom in Genesis Ch 3.
- It shapes all of our experiences.
- Disease, decay and evil.
- Although there is good news at the end.

Genesis 3:8-15 Christian Standard Bible

Sin's Consequences

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze,^[a] and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ And he said, "I heard you^[b] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

¹¹ Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ So the LORD God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

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

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than any livestock
and more than any wild animal.
You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.^[c]

He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel

Verse 8 – this should be a glorious event!

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze,^[a] and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

- A great time to take a walk.
- Walk and talk with God for Adam and Eve.

Normally there would be a different response as they talk.

- But not this time.
- A strange quiet silence.
- Due to what had happened everything had changed.

Picture painted of. Mayan Ruin in the jungle where the jungle had reclaimed the kingdom – but you could still see the image of what it once was.

- This being an image of us in that we are still created in the image of God, but that now the image is marred.

1 – Adam and Eves actions reveal the foolishness of a depraved mind.

Quote AC.

Adam and Eve – the pinnacle of God’s creation.

- Adam to rule over God’s creation – having dominion over everything.

And now he runs and hides!

- They have an opportunity to confess but they don’t.!

God keeps probing them – “who told you, you are naked?”

- God is asking them to fess up.

There is an attempted on their part to fix the things! – They grab fig leaves and sew them together in order to cover themselves up.

A. An attempt to fix the problem.

By the end of the day, they were a sorry wreck.

We try today to cover up and fix things –

- By works.
- Trying to make up for our sin.
- We worry about our reputation.

But inside we stand guilty.

- We are as good as toddler trying to clean up – realising that this isn't going to work – frantically trying to clean up!

The bible says... [Where can I flee from your presence?](#)

Psalm 139 The All-Knowing, Ever-Present God

For the choir director. A psalm of David.

¹ LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away.

³ You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, LORD.

⁵ You have encircled me; you have placed your hand on me.

⁶ This wondrous knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it.

⁷ Where can I go to escape your Spirit?

[Where can I flee from your presence?](#)

B. An Attempt to Hide.

Our thinking is...

“I am going to redefine God, so he doesn't even notice or care about our sin”!

- This doesn't change the fact that God is.

The picture of a toddler trying to play hide and seek – because they can't see you, they think you can't see them, barley hiding behind anything.

“Where are you we say” – they say, “Here I am”!

- Sin makes us look stupid.

With Adam and Eve – God really drills down on them – “Who told you, you were naked”?

- You shouldn't even have a word for naked!
- Eve blames God in making the serpent.

- As sinners we like to throw it back to God.

Question – When the world collapses are we going to blame God!

- Our response – You made us this way – it is a part of my heritage, my background, it is the way I was raised it's my birth order.

C. An Attempt to Make an Excuse.

Question – Who designed those things? – We didn't fill out a little questionnaire in the womb – saying this is where I want to be. (God did that)

We throw it back on God – saying this is your fault the way that I am acting.

The result of all these things – no rush on their part to God – no outburst of love – no confession – no cry of repentance – to seeking of restoration.

We are depraved.

- A word for that - Depravity.

Definition - An unwillingness to confess and return to God.

Even in the end, when we see the Tribulation – God is saying – I am God there is no other – Question – What do the people say?

“Mountains fall on us and kills because we would rather die from being crushed by the mountains, than to bow the knee to this ungracious king”.

What God wanted from Adam was for him to step forward and confess his own sin.

- He did every but!
- But depravity got in the way.
- Depravity keeps us from turning to God.

John 3:19-20 Christian Standard Bible

- ¹⁹This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. Hiding from God trying to make excuses – trying to fix it ourselves.

²⁰For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it,^[a] so that his deeds may not be exposed. – That is depravity.

- We are born depraved – this means we are going to try these things.

Genesis 3:14-19

Christian Standard Bible

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than any livestock
and more than any wild animal.
You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.^[a]
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

¹⁶ He said to the woman:

I will intensify your labor pains;
you will bear children with painful effort.
Your desire will be for your husband,
yet he will rule over you.

¹⁷ And he said to the man, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it':

The ground is cursed because of you.
You will eat from it by means of painful labor^[b]
all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ You will eat bread^[c] by the sweat of your brow
until you return to the ground,
since you were taken from it.
For you are dust,
and you will return to dust."

- Adams choice resulted in far reaching repercussions.

- When Adam sinned it affected everything in his dominion – the whole world at this point – until this day!

McArthur Quote. “Adam and Eve had hauled a stone from the base of a mountain and were horrified to discover that a fatal rockslide would bury them and all humanity and its environment in the dirt and rubble of sin”.

Adam was free to make his choice – but he was not free from the consequences of his choice.

God said...

Genesis 2:17 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

Galatians 6:7-8 Christian Standard Bible

⁷ Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, ⁸ because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

- As sinners we always want to negotiate the consequences.

Consequences – If we have children, we know this with kids, its “No let's negotiate”.

- As we get older, we realise that the consequences are out of our control.
- It's not a cosmic battle between the devil and God - God comes down as the judge and jury here in Genesis 3.

Some people would say that it doesn't seem far that I have to live with the choice of Adam.

We all struggle in that one person could make a choice and that would impact all of us.

- There are couple of ways that theologians try to explain this.

1. Seminalism.

That we have a flawed DNA.

- Our DNA changed with Adam and Eve – it became flawed, and we pass it on.

2. Federalism.

- Adam represented us in the garden – as the king – as the head.

Most people struggle with the fact that Adams choice affected us so greatly.

Yet have no issue with the fact that Jesus Choice could have such an impact upon us.

- They are fine with Jesus' choice – having this huge impact on us – but really struggle with Adams choice.

Question – Why is it a man who lived and died 6000 years ago could have such an impact on us and the world today?

Question - Why is it a man who died 2000 years ago could have such an impact on us and the world today?

Romans 15:16-17 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the gospel of God. God's purpose is that the Gentiles may be an acceptable offering, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷Therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus regarding what pertains to God.

Adam was our federal head in the garden.

Romans 15:18-19 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁸For I would not dare say anything except what Christ has accomplished through me by word and deed for the obedience of the Gentiles,

¹⁹by the power of miraculous signs and wonders, and by the power of God's Spirit. As a result, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum.^[a]

Adams choice affected everything in the kingdom.

- Adam was perfect, in a perfect place, with a perfect God.
- Adam had a free choice.
- Unlike us!

We have a nature that has an influence on us.

- Adam put all of creation in opposition to God.
- Adam should have stood up and defended the garden!

A federal head decided for us - gave us an example.

- We ended up paying the price for Adams federal headship. When he took that fruit, he put us all in opposition to God.

There is only one way we could have been placed into rebellion with God.

- Adam when in the garden should have stood up to the devil. It was his responsibility to guard the garden.

Question – But because he failed to guard the garden well, did that throw us into opposition with God?

- No – God only made one way – Once choice that Adam could have made.

Ephesians 2:12 Christian Standard Bible

¹²At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world.

A. The Judgement of Eve.

Genesis 3:16 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁶He said to the woman:

I will intensify your labor pains;
you will bear children with painful effort.
Your desire will be for your husband,
yet he will rule over you.

Titus 3:4-5 Christian Standard Bible

⁴But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy—through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

- This is going to be difficult now Eve!
- Childbirth and raising children there will be pain.
- God's word that will pierce your life.
- This tears apart a mother's soul – children growing up in a broken world.
- Instead of this joyous partnership in the garden – God says – now there will be strife.
- Eve – you are now going to want to rule over your husband and he will rule over you – this is not the biblical understanding of what marriage is to look like.
- There is going to be a conflict. A tension that will never end – we understand tension in marriage.
- This is part of the curse for Eve.
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B. The Judgement of Adam.

The world that was such a pleasure to work, will now be a struggle.

- Painful labour all the days of your life you will eat by the sweat of your brow until death.

It must have been amazing before sin! – Thinking of the planting of seeds and them all growing.

Jeremiah 12:4 Christian Standard Bible

⁴How long will the land mourn

and the grass of every field wither?

Because of the evil of its residents,

animals and birds have been swept away,

for the people have said,

“He cannot see what our end will be.”^[a]

C. The Judgement of the Serpent.

Divided into 2 parts.

- Judgment upon the reptiles.
- Then on Satan.

God chooses the serpent as an illustration for us – a sign for us to remember.

- God curses snakes here. A reminder of the reproach and judgement that Satan bears.

Genesis 3:14 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,

you are cursed more than any livestock

and more than any wild animal.

You will move on your belly

and eat dust all the days of your life.

Question – What did Satan Say in his rebellion?

- I will ascend up into the heavens, I will overthrow the highest God, I will be like God.

Question – What does God say to the serpent?

Move on your belly – Hebrew word – crawl and eat dust all the days of your life.

- A reminder of God’s divine judgement.
- A sign of defeat.

New Kingdom.

Isaiah 65:25 Christian Standard Bible

²⁵The wolf and the lamb will feed together,^[a]
and the lion will eat straw like cattle,
but the serpent's food will be dust!
They will not do what is evil or destroy
on my entire holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

Even in the new world – snakes will crawl.

Imaged used at this point of the devil and his followers.

Point # 3 – Gods grace offers hope to those who will trust him – Genesis 3

Genesis 3:20-23 Christian Standard Bible

²⁰The man named his wife Eve^[a] because she was the mother of all the living. ²¹The LORD God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

²²The LORD God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." ²³So the LORD God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

Adam names Eve, Eve – meaning the mother of all living – even when everything was now dying.

Hebrews 2:14 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁴Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil—

Galatians 4:4 Christian Standard Bible

⁴When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Romans 5:17-19 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁷If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone. ¹⁹For just as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Adams Federal Head – he was tested in a lush environment and failed. Walked to a tree and committed the ultimate act of disobedience.

- Through his choice he brought a state of war and opposition to God.
- Incurring the wrath of God.
- Losing access to the tree of life.
- God drove them out – we see this at the end of the chapter.

Point #2 – Adam – Jesus

- The one that God promised as he was judging the serpent.
- Given the dominion over all things.
- He also is a king.
- Jesus was tested in the harshest of environments – in the desert and won!
- Jesus walked towards the tree in a supreme act of obedience and love and earned the father's approval.

The offer to be a part of God's kingdom is available today.

Matthew 11:28 Christian Standard Bible

²⁸“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Romans 5:17 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁷If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

- Here is the coolest thing – we can enter into God's kingdom and receive what we could never earn.

Colossians 1:12-14 Christian Standard Bible

¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you^[a] to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

2nd Adam – The Federal Head.

¹⁴In him we have redemption,^[b] the forgiveness of sins.

- What an incredible offer – the plan of God, His salvation, this is why the whole bible is written, so we would understand.

Question – Why would people refuse?

- Due to depravity – wanting to figure it out on their own – I am going to cover up – I am going to hide!

Hebrews 3:15 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁵ As it is said:

**Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.^[a]**

Jesus says in Revelation 22:17 Christian Standard Bible

¹⁷ Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

You have to come – stop hiding – not playing the blame game.

Question – What is your response?