Our Covenantal God, Part 2 Genesis 3

Getting Started

Everyone has a worldview (a mental framework that answers questions such as: Where did I come from? What am I doing here? Is there a God? What are my responsibilities to him? How should mankind live?). What are some of the significant ways in which Genesis 1-3 shapes a Christian worldview?

Digging Deeper

Read Genesis 3 and answer the following from the text and the sermon:

- \circ How did Satan plant doubt in the mind of Eve? How does he do this today in us?
- In what ways does Satan attack or undermine God?
- Why did God give Adam and Eve the covenant stipulation to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
- When we consider the temptations of Satan and the fact that Adam and Eve listened to him instead of God, what can we infer as to their motives in disobeying Him? Why would they so blatantly disobey this one stipulation?
- By telling Adam and Eve that eating the fruit would make them wise, Satan was essentially saying that sin leads to a better "you" and a better life. Give and discuss some examples of similar lies that Satan tells us and to which we listen.
- What does it say about God that He didn't curse Adam and Eve?
- What are the implications of verses 14-15? How do these verses give us hope?
- Where do you see God's grace from 2:4-3:24?

Apply It!

- Can you think of examples, from your own life, of times when Satan has tried to confuse you, caricature God, or beautify sin? How did you overcome the temptation? How did Jesus overcome such temptations? See Matthew 4.
- Genesis 1-3 has much to say about the relationship between men and women in marriage and roles we are to fulfill which are grounded in God's Creation order. Do you struggle with what these chapters teach about the sexes? What parts do you find easy to agree with and which parts give you heartburn?
- Adam and Eve blame-shifted when confronted with their sin. Do you have a tendency to blame-shift? If so, what do you think is behind that tendency?

Think About It!

Adam and Eve are surrounded by wonderful trees and provisions in the garden, including the tree of life, but all Eve can see is the one tree of which they cannot partake. Once Satan can get our eyes on what we cannot do, we are sure to do it. The focus of the Christian should be on all the good that God offers, not on the few restrictions that have goodness of which we may be unaware. (Bruce Waltke)

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WORSHIP SONGS

THE LION AND THE LAMB Words and Music by Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring, 2015

He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow down, And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah, He's roaring with power and fighting our battles, and every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain, for the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains, and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb, every knee will bow before Him.

So open up the gates make way before the King of kings. Our God who comes to save is here to set the captives free. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 / Traditional Welsh Melody

Immortal, invisible, God only wise. In light inaccessible hid from our eyes. Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light. Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might. Thy justice like mountains high soaring above. Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light. Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

YES I WILL

Words and Music by Eddie Hoagland, Mia Fieldes, and Jonathan Smith, 2018

I count on one thing: the same God that never fails will not fail me now, You won't fail me now. In the waiting, the same God who's never late is working all things out. You're working all things out.

Yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley. Yes, I will bless Your name. Yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy. All my days, yes, I will.

I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify, the name of all names that nothing can stand against.

YOU ARE OUR LIFE Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2019

Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord; planted by streams, like trees, they endure. Their leaves will not wither; they stand firm and sure. Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord.

Blessed are those who delight in Your word; day after day, seeking what's pure. Not following foolish ways of this world. Blessed are those who delight in Your word.

We'll follow Your ways for You are our life. We'll find all we need, our soul's deep delight. There's no greater love, no greater prize. You are our hope; You are our life.

Blessed, all poor, the kingdom is yours; and all who now hunger for you shall be full. Blessed when weeping for laughter will come. Blessed, all poor, the kingdom is yours.

Blessed are those whose hope is in Christ; who've died unto Him, but have been made alive. For one day these bodies will be raised to life. Blessed are those whose hope is in Christ.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 46; Habakkuk 1:1-12; Phil. 3:13-4:1; Matt. 23:13-24 MONDAY | Ps. 57; Habakkuk 2:1-20; James 2:14-26; Luke 16:19-31 TUESDAY | Ps. 54; Habakkuk 3:1-18; James 3:1-12; Luke 17:1-10 WEDNESDAY | Ps. 125; Malachi 1:1-14; James 3:13-4:12; Luke 17:1-19 THURSDAY | Ps. 81; Malachi 2:1-16; James 4:13-5:6; Luke 17:20-37 FRIDAY | Ps. 20; Malachi 3:1-12; James 5:7-12; Luke 18:1-8 SATURDAY | Ps. 63; Malachi 3:13-4:6; James 5:13-20; Luke 18:9-14

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Faithful God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Help us to steward the gifts and talents you have given us for the expansion of your kingdom; for we know that to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance. As we anticipate the day of your return, may we live generous and sober lives before you and others. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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