Genesis 3

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

At the end of Genesis 2, we see a protected place of pristine beauty, of bounty, completely untouched by evil.

We do not know exactly how much time elapsed from the 6th day of creation until the events of chapter 3, but it was before the birth of children.

Sin did not originate on earth; it originated in the soul of Lucifer.

3:1 Eve did not appear to be overly shocked when this reptile approached her and started a conversation. But something was different about this creature, because this "beast" had a devious, spiteful, evil mind.

3:1 Why did Satan go to Eve, and not to not Adam? He was usurping God's order. Making her the target made her the 'decision maker.'

Satan's approach was to move Eve to question God. Questioning led to doubting, which led to distrusting, which led to disobeying.

Temptation starts with the idea that we have the right to minimize what God has said. God's word is not subject to human judgment.

3:2-3 Eve knew God's command, but she denigrated the privileges and added to the ban.

3:4 The ultimate deception from Satan: There will not be any judgment for sin!

3:6 Everything Satan uses to tempt mankind is summed up in three things: "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life" (1 John 2:16).

3:6 Adam was not deceived; he freely ate the fruit.

3:7-8 Suddenly, into their once pure world came perversion. They felt it so strongly that they attempted to hide from God.

3:12-13 The conversation Adam and Eve had with God was evasive, it was deceptive, and it shifted blame. And it tells us the nature of depravity.

3:21 When God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve, it was the first time blood was shed…the first sacrifice of a life because of someone else' wrongdoing.

When God created angels and humans, He gave three things:
- Intelligence gives us the ability to understand.
- Reason gives us the ability to process that understanding toward behavior.
- Choice gives us the freedom to determine that behavior.