

## SIN AND ITS REMEDY, GEN. 3:6

INTRODUCTION: THE BIBLE IS NOT JUST A BOOK OF STORIES ABOUT ANCIENT TIMES. IT IS ALSO ABOUT OURSELVES IN THE PRESENT. CONSIDER THE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE.

## I. WHAT GOD GAVE THEM Gen. 2:15-17

1. A GARDEN SPOT TO LIVE IN.

CONSIDER ITS BEAUTY AND THINK OF OUR WONDERFUL WORKS.

2. PERSONALITIES ON THE DIVINE PATTERN.

THEY HAD INTELLIGENCE, AFFECTION, AND A SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG.

3. A PURPOSE TO LIVE FOR.

THEY WERE TO DRESS THE GARDEN AND KEEP IT.

4. EACH OTHER TO LIVE WITH.

HOW EMPTY LIFE WOULD BE WITHOUT LOVED ONES.

5. HIMSELF TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH.

HE NOT ONLY WAS AVAILABLE TO THEM, BUT SOUGHT THEM.

## II. ENTER THE TEMPTER. 3:4

1. JAMES'S TWO VIEWS OF TEMPTATION.

A. FROM WITHIN: "BUT EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED,

WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST, AND ENTICED." 1:14.

B. FROM WITHOUT: "RESIST THE DEVIL,

AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU" (4:7B)

2. A PERSONAL DEVIL

HE CAME IN A STRANGE GUISE.

HE IS SPIRITUAL, NOT LIMITED TO A BODY.

SOULS.

ALL OF US HAVE ABUNDANT EXPERIENCE WITH THE ENEMY OF OUR

HE IS VERY REAL.

3. THE ATTRACTIVE TEMPTATION. Gen.3:6

FRUIT APPEALED TO (1) APPETITE,

(2) AESTHETIC SENSE, AND

(3) CURIOSITY.

4. THE TEMPTRESS.

SHE ATE, AND GAVE TO HER HUSBAND, AND HE ATE.

A. TEMPTATIONS OFTEN COME BY OTHERS.

B. STRONGER WHEN BY PERSON NEAREST TO US.

C. MAN TEMPTED BY WOMAN, AND VICE VERSA.

D. OUR DESIRE TO BE LIKE OTHERS

## III. FOLLOWED THE FALL Romans 3:23

1. IT WAS TURNING AWAY FROM GOD

A. DOUBTING HIS GOOD WILL

B. DOUBTING HIS TRUTHFULNESS

C. DOUBTING HIS COMING JUDGMENT

2. IT WAS FREELY CHOSEN

A. THREE KINDS OF ACTS:

(1) SOME SIMPLY THE IMPACT OF THINGS HITTING US,

(2) SOME RELATIVELY AUTOMATIC,

(3) SOME BY FREE AND DELIBERATE CHOICE.

B. TIED UP TOGETHER.

OFTEN THINGS HAPPEN TO US WITHOUT OUR CHOICE,  
BECAUSE OF OTHER CHOICES WE MADE.

#### IV. WITH INEVITABLE RESULTS

##### 1. TO THE INDIVIDUALS *Gen. 3:7*

- A. ASHAMED. COULD NOT HIDE FROM SELVES.
- B. HID FROM GOD. GOD BECAME DREADFUL.

WHEN WE DO WRONG WE LOOK TO SEE IF OTHERS ARE LOOKING,  
BUT WE FORGET TO LOOK UP TO SEE IF GOD IS LOOKING.

##### C. PARADISE LOST. DRIVEN FROM THE GARDEN. *Gen. 3:24*

- D. LIFE BECAME VEXATIOUS.

FROM LABORS OF LOVE TO FRUSTRATION & WORRY  
WITH THE OBSTINATE EARTH.

##### 2. TO THE RACE *Romans 5:12-13*

EVE PULLED ADAM DOWN.

TOGETHER THEY PULLED THEIR CHILDREN DOWN. (REMEMBER CAIN)  
SIN IS NEVER A PRIVATE MATTER.

#### V. LOVE PROVIDES A REMEDY *Romans 5:15-21*

##### 1. THE BRUISER OF HEELS. *Gen. 3:15*

GOD'S LOVE PROVIDES THAT SIN'S ENMITY BE EVIDENT.

##### 2. THE VICTOR OVER SIN. *Rom. 7:37*

THE BRUISED CHRIST, THE SEED OF WOMAN, DEFEATS SIN.

"HE MADE THE WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO HIM, HIS DEATH,  
THE GREATEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO THE WORLD,  
ITS REDEMPTION." - E. STANLEY JONES

##### 3. THE ADEQUATE CLOTHING.

FIG LEAVES NOT ENOUGH.

BLAIN ANIMANS PROVIDED SKIN.

BLOOD WAS FIRST SHED.

GOD DID IT, NOT MAN.

MAN'S GREAT DELUSION IS THAT HE CAN PROVIDE HIS OWN SALVATION.

HERE IS A PERENNIAL PICTURE.

GOD PROVIDES IN LOVE FOR MAN.

MAN SINS AND FALLS.

GOD COMES SEEKING HIM AND MAKES PROVISION FOR HIS REDEMPTION.  
AS MAN SINS VOLUNTARILY, HE MUST VOLUNTARILY COME BACK TO GOD.

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