



Magnolia Bible Church Men's Group - Creation Series

Lesson #2 (Genesis 3 – The Fall) | Thursday, February 16, 2017

The principal aim of this series is to explore what the Bible has to say about Creation and the early history of mankind up to the Tower of Babel. The first eleven chapters of Genesis define for us what God's Word has to say about the early days of man. For many people this portion of the Bible is nothing more than fables, while for others it is the inspired Word of God that clearly establishes the origin of man, civilization, and the universe. As Christians, it is important to know what we believe and be able to clearly communicate to others the basis of our beliefs. The world needs well-read, articulate Christians who are confident in their beliefs built on a strong, Biblical foundation.

Listed below is the basic outline for our Creation Series, along with the schedule for each lesson.

Topic	Location in Genesis	Planned Date
Introduction	N/A	February 2
Six days of Creation	Genesis 1 – 2	February 9
The Fall	Genesis 3	February 16
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4	February 23
Genealogy (Adam to Noah)	Genesis 5	March 2
Wickedness of Man	Genesis 6:1-8	March 9
Noah and the Flood	Genesis 6 – 8	March 23 (*)
God's Covenant with Noah / Sons of Noah	Genesis 9	March 30
Table of Nations	Genesis 10	April 6
Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9	April 13

* Spring Break is scheduled for March 13-17; there will not be a lesson on Thursday, March 16.

The events as presented in Genesis 3 changed mankind *forever*. God's original plan for mankind was unity with Him, life without death, harmony with His Creation (i.e., plants and animals), and "efficient" work. Adam and Eve's failure to abide by God's simple instruction changed man's relationships with God forever. Listed below are a few consequences of The Fall:

- Death (of all living beings)
- Fear of God and nakedness
- Animal's fear of man
- Inefficient work
- Pain in childbearing
- Strife between man and woman
- All future generations born into sin
- Entropy – decay, chaos, and disorder

Read Genesis 3. In studying this chapter it is appropriate to identify some of the specific events that took place. Consider the divisions below and the questions that are posed for each section.

1. **Genesis 3:1-5.** Satan's interaction with Eve.

- a. From what we have read thus far in Genesis, do we have any idea from where the serpent (i.e. Devil) came? Consider other Biblical references that provide us with insights on Satan (cf. Job 1:6-12, Zechariah 3, and Luke 10:18).
- b. Did Eve use the exact words spoken by God to Adam? If not, why not?

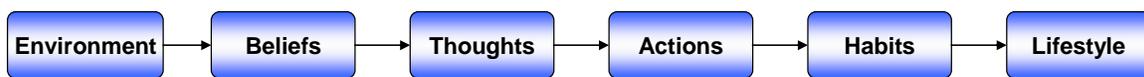
2. **Genesis 3:6-7.** Adam and Eve succumb to temptation.

- a. What mistakes were made by Adam during this series of events?

- b. It is interesting that the first thing Adam and Eve realized after their eyes were opened was their nakedness. What was lost that would have caused this?
- 3. **Genesis 3:8-13.** God confronts Adam and Eve.
 - a. Probably the single greatest consequence of The Fall is our loss of intimate contact with the Lord. Have you ever considered how our lives would be different if we were to personally interface with God at the same level that Adam and Eve once did?
 - b. What excuses do we see being offered by Adam and Eve?
- 4. **Genesis 3:14-24.** God's judgments on Adam, Eve, and the Serpent.

Let's bring Genesis 3 home to our own lives. Sin is a progression that often times leads us to a place we never intended. Consider the sin progression chart shown below and read James 1:12-18.

The Sin Progression (James 1:12-18)



Remember that sin will always do the following:

- Take you farther than you wanted to go
- Keep you longer than you wanted to stay
- Cost you more than you intended to pay.

Here is the single-most important concept in reading Genesis 3. **God never intended that we should be the ones to define what is good and evil.** Therefore, it is essential that when God tells us to do or not do something, we must listen to Him. Anything else and the consequences will be disastrous.

Questions & Deep Thoughts

1. In the table below list each of the judgments that were pronounced by God. Also, list some of the consequences for us today as a result of these judgments.

Recipient	God's Judgment	Impact on Modern Man
<i>Serpent</i>		
<i>Eve</i>		
<i>Adam</i>		

2. Who was God likely speaking to when He said in verse 22, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil."
3. In reviewing the "Sin Progression" graphic shown above what are some specific actions we can take to minimize the progression towards a lifestyle of sin? These phases can be applied to developing good patterns in our lives.