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Genesis 3:1-13, 15

The Fall of Man

Ephesians 1:11 – (God) **works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will**

Genesis 2:15-17 – the Divine test is obedience

The serpent and his strategy 3:1

crafty

Ephesians 6:11-the armor and the devil's

The strategy-raise doubt about God's Word

The woman and her response 3:2-3

Eve omits God's words **all** and **freely** and thus limits God's goodness.

Eve adds to the phrase **you must not touch it** and thus exaggerates God's limitations

Eve tones down the penalty from **for when you eat from it you will certainly die** to a mere **lest you die**.

The denial of God's word 3:4-5

You will not certainly die 3:4

Satan is a **liar and the father of lies** (John 8:44)

Satan promised knowledge and suggested that God's motives were wrong 3:5

The temptation and fall 3:6

The tree was good for food (lust of the flesh)

The tree was **pleasing to the eye** (lust of the eyes)

The tree was **desirable for gaining wisdom** (pride of life)

She ate and gave to her husband who ate

1 Timothy 2:14-Eve was deceived, but Adam sinned knowing what he was doing

The result of their fall 3:7-13

Innocence lost 3:7

Shame before God 3:8-11

Making excuses-blame shifting 12-13

The man-3:12

The woman-3:13

The promise of the redeemer 3:15

There are three parts to this first Messianic prophecy:

- 1). God would reveal to Eve that Satan was not a friend, but rather a hateful enemy.
- 2). God would place a great spiritual barrier between His people and Satan's people.
- 3). The representative seed of the woman (Jesus Christ) would deliver a final and fatal deathblow to Satan at the cross, but in so doing would suffer physical death. (J C Whitcomb unpublished notes)

God wanted them to know that there is hope in their situation of disobedience and death. There will be eternal life made possible by the Messiah.

Questions for discussion

1. What are some lies that the devil tells us today regarding sinful behaviors? (if it feels good, do it; everybody's doing it; it's not your fault; etc.)
2. How does Satan deceive us today? What are some of his strategies?
3. How does blame shifting hinder genuine repentance?
4. How might you use Genesis 3:1-13 in witnessing to someone about the Lord?
5. What hope can we gain from this passage?