

Lessons from the Life of Adam and Eve

Genesis 1-3

INTRO:

A. **Genesis 3:20**

1. Adam and Eve were the first man and woman created by God.
2. They lived in the Garden of Eden, a paradise created for them by God.
3. God made Adam and Eve perfect, but with the ability to choose.
4. They had everything they needed until Satan came to destroy it all.
5. Eve was tempted and violated the one restriction that God gave them.
6. As a result, they were cast out of the Garden of Eden along with many other things that resulted as the consequences of sin being committed.

B. The story of Adam and Eve is our story as well:

1. When we are born, we are perfect.
2. We, too, have the ability to choose; Satan's influences are everywhere.
3. The lessons we learn from Adam and Eve are lessons we can directly apply to our lives today.

I. **GOD IS OUR CREATOR.**

A. God created both Adam and Eve. **Gen. 1:27**

1. He created Adam out of the dust of the earth. **Gen. 2:7**
2. He created Eve from one of Adam's ribs. **Gen. 2:21-22**
3. He put them in a perfect habitation. **Gen. 2:8-9**
 - a. He gave them plenty of food to eat.
 - b. He gave them beautiful surroundings.
4. He gave them personal companionship. **Gen. 2:18**
5. They had fellowship with God. **Gen. 3:8**

B. Being our Creator means much more than just the fact He created us.

1. He sustains us. **Col.1:17**
2. He provides. **Acts 17:24-26**
3. He nourishes. **Acts 14:17**

C. He knows what is best for us.

1. He knows what's good for us.
2. He knows what's bad for us.

II. **GOD'S COMMANDS ARE FOR OUR BENEFIT.**

A. God gave commands to Adam and Eve.

1. **Genesis 2:15-17**
2. Eve knew of this command as well. **Genesis 3:2-3**
3. The command to not eat of the tree was not there to hurt Adam and Eve or to take anything away from them.
4. The command was there for their benefit and protection.
5. As long as they were obedient to this command, they enjoyed all the things which were in the garden, fellowship with God, and eternal life.

B. Obedience to God's commands brings life and fellowship.

1. **1 John 5:3**
 - a. "*Not grievous*" - Not burdensome, not troubling, not too difficult to accomplish.

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2. Obedience to God's commands brings salvation. **Hebrews 5:8-9**
3. Our obedience to God's commands allows us to enjoy the fellowship of God as well. **1 John 1:7** "*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*"
- C. Disobedience to God's commands brings death and separation.
 1. Disobedience to God's commands brings the things which **are grievous**.
 - a. The life of the prodigal son illustrates this. **Luke 15:16**
 2. Disobedience will cause us to lose our soul eternally. **Hebrews 2:2-3**
 3. Those who are disobedient do not have God's fellowship, but God's wrath. **Ephesians 5:6**

III. SATAN IS OUR ENEMY

- A. Satan lies.
 1. God said, "*thou shalt surely die.*"
 2. Satan said, "*thou shalt not die.*"
 3. He is the father of lies. (**John 8:44**).
- B. He may appear friendly.
 1. **2 Cor.11:14**
 2. He did not come to Eve as an enemy, but as a friend, desiring her to be wise.
 3. He did not come to tempt Jesus as an enemy, but as one who was allegedly looking out for Jesus' welfare. (Eat Bread, Angels will save you, Give all the kingdoms to you. Matthew 4:1-11)
- C. He may even use the Scriptures for his own devices.
 1. Satan quoted scripture to Jesus in Matthew 4:6.
 - a. He applies the quote to Jesus but it was made by God to Israel in Psalms 91:11-12
- D. Be warned that he is our enemy.
 1. He is our adversary/enemy. **1 Peter 5:8-9**
 2. We are to take up the whole armor of God and battle against him. **Ephesians 6:11**
 3. We are to resist him. **James 4:7**

IV. SIN SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD.

- A. The result of Adam and Eve's sin was separation from God.
- B. Sin does not bring any of the things that Satan says it will bring.
 1. Sin does not bring lasting joy. **Hebrews 11:25**
 2. Sin does not bring wisdom; it is foolishness.
 - a. **Proverbs 14:9**
 - b. **Proverbs 24:9**
 3. Sin does not bring honor, but reproach. **Proverbs 14:34**
 4. Sin does not bring true love. **1 John 3:10**
- C. Sin brings death. **Romans 6:23**

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- D. Sin brings sorrow. **Psalm 32:10**
- E. Sin indicates that we are of the devil. (**1 John 3:8**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Let us learn the lessons of Adam and Eve.
 - 1. God is our Creator.
 - 2. God's commands are for our benefit.
 - 3. Satan is our enemy.
 - 4. Sin separates us from God.