

Lecture 5 Genesis

/We will now begin the fifth lecture on Genesis. /The passage for today is Genesis chapter 3. /The theme of chapter 3 is the fall of man and the plan of redemption.

/First, the fall of man. /Verses 1-6. /Second, God seeks the fallen man and woman. /Verses 7-10. /Third, God's judgment and promise of salvation. /Verses 11-21. /Fourth, the sinful man is driven out of Eden. /Verses 22-24.

/Chapter 3 records the rebellion and fall of our first ancestors, Adam and Eve. /God commanded them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

/However, Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge and sinned. /Yet, God did not forsake the sinful man.

/God promised us the coming Christ. /Adam and Eve were saved by believing in the coming Christ.

/Read verse 1. /Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

/Here it says, the serpent was most crafty of all the animals. /"Crafty" in Hebrew is "Arum." /"Arum" means, "wise" or "sensible." /It has such meanings as this. /Proverbs 12:16 /Proverbs 3:16

/"Arum" can also have negative connotations, such as "crafty, cunning." /Job 5:12 /Job 15:5 /Therefore, "arum" have both a negative meaning, "crafty and cunning," /as well as a positive meaning, "wise, intelligent."

/When God created the serpent he at first did not make him cunning. /However, Satan entered the serpent and he became crafty. /1:31 /1 Timothy 4:4

/Satan entered the serpent. /Serpent deceives both man and animals. /The serpent asked the woman.

/The serpent asked, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" /The serpent confused the woman.

/God prohibited Adam and Eve from eating from one tree, but gave them all the rest for food. /However, take a look at the words of the serpent, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

/The devil suggested that God was the one who denied them many types of trees. /The devil makes people rebel against God /and complain against God.

/The serpent's words are meant to incite the people against God's Word. /God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat from one tree, and allowed them to eat from all the other trees. /God is a generous God who loves to give abundantly to his children.

/What was Eve's mistake? Her mistake was that she spoke with the serpent. /Snakes and animals do not normally speak. /When Eve heard the serpent speaking, she should have thought it strange and told her husband about it.

/Eve was careless and negligent. /She didn't guard her heart. /She didn't guard the Garden of Eden. /Eve couldn't discern between right and wrong.

/We need to know that God's word is right and follow it. /We need to know that Satan's words are wrong and throw it away. /Another mistake Eve made was that she modified God's Word.

/We cannot add to or subtract from God's Word. /Revelation 22:18-19 /We cannot modify God's Word. /Also, Eve did not have confidence in God's Word.

/God said you will surely die if you eat from tree of good and evil. /However, Eve doubted that she would die.

/Verse 2. /The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

/Eve said, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden."

/Verse 3 says, "but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

/However, in the middle of the garden was not only the tree of knowledge, but also the tree of life. /2:9

/Therefore, she should have said, "the tree of knowledge that is in the middle of the garden."

/At the end of verse 3 she said, "you will die." /God said in Genesis 2:17, "you will surely die." /However, Eve replied, "you will die."

/Eve did not have confidence in God's Word. /She did not hold firmly to God's Word. /We must hold on to God's Word with all our strength.

/Verse 4. /"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

/Satan said, "You will not surely die." /This completely contradicts what God said. /God said, "you will surely die" if they ate from the tree of knowledge. /However, Satan said, "You will not surely die."

/The devil spoke the exact opposite of God's Word. /Then who is right? /God's Word is right. /Satan has been a liar since the beginning. /John 8:4

/Satan is the father of lies. /He reverses God's Word. /Our Jesus is Truth. /Revelation 19:11

/Verse 5. /"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

/Satan told Eve, "when you eat of it your eyes will be opened." /Here, Satan said her "eyes will be opened," and what happened when she ate from the tree of knowledge? Her eyes were opened and directed towards herself.

/Before eating from the tree of knowledge, Eve had eyes that were directed towards God. /However, in eating the fruit of good and evil, she began to look towards humans.

/Satan also said, "you will be like God, knowing good and evil." /What does it mean to know good and evil like God? /Before eating from the fruit of the tree of knowledge, God was the standard for good and evil.

/God is the absolute good. /Anything that was for God was for good, and anything that was not for God became evil. /However, after eating from the fruit of good and evil, man became the standard for good and evil.

/Therefore, from man's point of view, seeking the self became good and not seeking the self became evil. /However, man cannot be the absolute standard of good and evil. /Man is not good.

/However, after eating from the tree of knowledge, man became his own standard. /This was Satan's plan for man. /This is Satan's evilness.

/Also, Satan said, "you will become like God." /This is the most extreme form of pride. /How can man become like God? /When Eve heard this, she should have trembled.

/She should have said, "How can we humans, who are creatures, become like God?" Then she should have cast Satan away. /Satan was originally an angel. /He was the chief angel who became proud and competed against God, ultimately becoming Satan.

/Pride was Satan's fundamental nature. /He became Satan because of his conceitedness. /He tried to compete against God, and he became Satan. /Likewise, Satan tried to turn Adam and Eve against God.

/Satan makes people prideful and conceited. /To eat from the fruit of good and evil signifies man's self-rule. /Thus, man will become his own ruler.

/This means that man will make his own decisions. /He will become lord of his own life. /This means that they will live as they please.

/Therefore, we can see how terrible it was to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

/Again, to eat the fruit was the beginning of the rebellion of man towards God, /man's pride, /man's self standard for good and evil, /man as lord over himself, /man's desires to live as he pleases, /and man's greed.

/Therefore, we can see how great the sin was when they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

/Verse 6. /When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

/Eve accepted Satan's words after she was deceived by him. /She didn't hold God's Word in her heart. /She wasn't awake in spirit with clarity of mind. /When she heard Satan and saw the tree of knowledge, greed filled her heart.

/Here we can see three kinds of greed. /When Eve "saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food," this refers to material greed. /Greed for materials. /Greed for money. /This is material greed.

/Next, it says, the fruit was "pleasing to the eye," which refers to lust. /This is to see with the eyes and have greed. /This is greed of lust between males and females. /It is also desires for recognition by parents and by family members.

/It says, "desirable for gaining wisdom," which refers to selfish greed. /It includes the desire to show off. /It is desire to increase one's popularity and honor. /It is desire to become famous. /This is selfish greed.

/Satan even tempted Jesus with these three temptations. /Matthew 4:1-11 /"Tell these stones to become bread" is temptation of material greed. /The devil "showed him all the kingdoms of the world," and that is the lust of the eyes.

/Then the devil said, "throw yourself down," which is the temptation for self-glory. /The devil also told Jesus that if he would throw Himself off a cliff and not die, then Jesus would become famous and receive honor; this is self greed, honor, and glory.

/Next, 1 John 2:16 says, /"the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does." /The cravings of sinful man, /the lust of his eyes /and the boasting of what he has and does.

/These also are three primary temptations of life. /Satan used these three temptations as bait in the past and today to make us fall.

/The Bible says, "Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." /After desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; /sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. /James 1:15

/Then why did God make the tree of knowledge? /The tree of knowledge itself is not bad. /It is good because God created it. /God gave man the tree of knowledge in order to strengthen man.

/Through the tree of knowledge God wanted man to always remember God. /The tree was also to make known to mankind that God is the owner of the Garden. /It was to also foster a thankful heart for all the trees and its fruits God has provided for man.

/Next, what changed after they ate fruit from the tree of knowledge? /What gift did God give to man after he sinned?

/Man received God's judgment and died after Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge. /They were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. /Their spirits died and later their flesh died as well. /First, this teaches us about God's impartiality.

/"God judges sin." /"The wages of sin is death." /It teaches us about the impartiality of God. /Romans 6:23

/What is the next gift that God gave man? /Second, God revealed his love for man. /God gave his one and only Son to die for the fallen sinners.

/God gave his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for us. /The sinless Jesus died instead of us.

/Through this, God reveals how great his love for us is. /Third, another gift that God gave us is that we believers have become children of God.

/Believers became God's children through faith in Jesus Christ. /Adam and Eve were creatures before the fall. /After the fall, Adam and Eve believed in the coming Christ and became children of God.

/Before they were creatures, and now they became God's children. /Jesus is God's only Son and we are God's adopted children. /Jesus is the eldest Son and we are the younger sons and daughters.

/Therefore, we are children of God. /Then fourth, we received life that has been united with Christ. /This life that has been united Christ will never die. /John 11:25

/"Whoever believes in Jesus will never die." /If the sinless Adam ate from the tree of knowledge before he sinned, he would have died. /If the sinless Adam ate from the tree of knowledge before he sinned, he would have died.

/If Adam did not eat from the tree of knowledge, but ate from it a hundred years later, Adam would have died then. /If Adam did not eat from the tree of knowledge, but ate from it a 100,000 years later, Adam would have died then.

/Of course, if Adam never ate from the tree, he never would have died. /However, once Adam

ate from the tree, he would have died. /Therefore, for Adam and Eve, there always was the possibility of death if they ate from the tree of knowledge.

/However, after the fall of Adam, he received eternal life through faith in the coming Christ. /Now, Adam gained eternal life through life united with Jesus.

/Adam will live forever in heaven. /Therefore, God wanted to give us grace and blessings through this. /Adam and Eve were wrong for eating from the tree of knowledge.

/However, Adam received blessings even after he ate from the tree of knowledge because he believed in the coming Christ.

/Today, Satan works. /In today's generation is the New Age movement. /The New Age movement. /These people say, "We're all gods." /They believe in pantheism.

/They claim that "humans can become gods." /This is the same as what Satan said. /They also believe that everything is good. /They have no concept of sins.

/They see no need for repentance. /What is good for them is to live as they please. /They think that to live according to their desires and greed is good. /This is the same as what Satan said.

/Another view of the New Age movement is that they believe there is no death. /They believe in reincarnation. /They say that people will become animals after they die. /People will become insects.

/They say there will be continuous reincarnation. /These are the views of Buddhism and Hinduism. /These are the words of Satan.

/God said that we would "surely die" if we sin. /Therefore, whoever believes in Jesus and died will go to heaven. /Whoever dies without believing in Jesus will go to hell.

/Verse 7. /Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

/Adam and Eve's eyes were opened. /Their eyes geared towards themselves were opened. /Before eating from the tree of knowledge their eyes looked only to God. /They delighted in God

/The did not know that they were naked. /They were filled with God's glory. /However, after eating from the tree, they grew greedy and their eyes were opened for themselves.

/Next, they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. /This teaches us about the actions of man. /We cannot be saved by man's actions. /Isaiah 64:6 /We cannot be saved by human efforts.

/We cannot be saved by self-improvement, self-exaltation, or morals. /The fig tree also represents man's righteousness.

/Verse 8. /Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

/Here it says, “in the cool of the day.” /This speaks of a setting of a storm. /In this way, everything degenerates when we leave God. /This symbolizes the judgment of the Lord.

/Here, Adam and Eve “hid from the LORD God.” /This is evidence that the spirits of Adam and Eve were already dead. /Before, they delighted in God. /Now, they grew distant from God through their sins.

/They became afraid of God. /This evidence that Adam and Eve’s spirits were dead. /The spirits of Adam and Eve died right at the moment they ate from the tree of knowledge.

/Adam lived until the age of 930. /Both his body and soul died. /To say that the soul died does not mean that the soul was destroyed. /The soul was not destroyed.

/To die of soul means to be disconnected from the life of God. /It is to be separated from the life of God. /It is as if the line of a light switch has been disconnected. /Therefore, it is as if the light has been turned off.

/Through the sins of Adam and Eve, we were cut off from the life of God. /It also says that they hid from God. /At that time God came looking for Adam.

/In verse 9, the Jehovah God calls Adam. /In this way, God comes looking for sinners. /We don’t look for God, but rather, God comes and looks for us.

/In other religions, men look for gods. /However, they cannot find gods. /We Christians do not go searching for God, but rather, God comes seeking us.

/Also, Jesus came to us on this earth. /God came to us and revealed himself to us. /This is God’s great love.

/The Lord did not forsake those who deserved to be destroyed, but came to save us. /There are several consequences of sin.

/Verse 11. /And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

/In verse 9, God asked, “Where are you?” /God didn’t ask this question because he didn’t know where Adam was. /God wanted to know in what position Adam was in.

/God wanted to know what kind of heart Adam had. /In verse 11, God asked, “Have you eaten from the tree?”

/Verse 12. /The man said, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the

tree, and I ate it."

/Here, Adam replied, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." /This is to shake off his responsibility. /These excuses are not acceptable.

/Adam should not have eaten the fruit even if his wife gave it to him. /He ate the fruit, and therefore, cannot avoid responsibility for it. /He said, "The woman you put here with me."

/He is saying that he ate the fruit because God made and gave him the woman. /Adam put the responsibility of sin on God. /He blamed God. /He blamed a person, which was to blame God. /Exodus 16:8

/We cannot blame others. /We must not avoid our responsibilities. /We must take responsibility for our actions. /When we blame others, we blame God.

/At first, Adam was delighted when God made Eve for him. /Genesis 2:23 says, Adam said of Eve, she "is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

/At that time Adam thanked God for making Eve for him. /Now he blamed his wife and also blamed God.

/Before they sinned, they overflowed with love for each other. /After they sinned they began to hate each other and passed on the responsibility to each other.

/Verse 13. /Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

/God asked the woman, "What is this you have done?" /Eve said the serpent deceived her and therefore, she ate. /Eve also made excuses.

/This is similar to saying, "I sinned because God made the serpent." /Therefore, in the end Eve also blamed God. /In the same way, there are many times when people sin by their own free will and then blame God for it.

/Verse 14. /So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

/Here, the serpent was cursed. /This mean that Satan was cursed. /Whoever causes someone else to sin will be cursed. /Matthew 18:7

/Therefore, the one who sins and the one who causes others to sin will both receive judgment. /Then the serpent was to crawl on its belly. /It was to eat dirt. /This meant that he would lick the dust. /Micah 7:17 /Lamentations 3:29 /Psalm 72:5

/This teaches us that the serpent will be judged and cursed. /He will be brought down to the

lowest of depths. /He will be lowered, defeated, and disgraced.

/Because he caused others to sin, the serpent will be cursed and brought low to the very bottom. /He will be brought down to the lowest of depths.

/Let us summarize the consequences of the fall. /First, as the result of the fall, mankind lost the image of God. /The image of God consists of righteousness, holiness, and truth. /Ephesians 4:24

/However, through sin we lost the image of God. /We became completely depraved. /We became unable to do good on our own. /Romans 7:8

/Second, death entered the world. /God said, “You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.” /Therefore as soon as Adam ate the fruit, his soul died.

/Also, when time came, Adam died at the age of 930. /The wages of sin is death. /Third, as a result of sin, the sinfulness is handed down to descendants.

/Adam’s sins transferred down to all of mankind. /Romans 5:12 /John 3:3-5

/Fourth, pain and toiling entered the world. /The woman received pain of bearing children and pain in child birth.

/The man received the pain of working and toiling for survival. /Fifth, there is the shame and the guilt of sin. /When one sins, shame and guilt follow. /There is fear. /There is guilt in one’s conscience of his sins.

/Sixth, the environment became corrupt. /The ground was cursed and bore thorns and thistles. /All creation began to groan. /Pathogens and disease appeared.

/Seventh, Adam and Eve were banished from paradise. /They were kicked out of paradise. /There was a birth of many difficult circumstances as a result of sin.

/Here, we conclude the lecture at Genesis 3:14.

/With this we will conclude lecture five on Genesis.

/Thank you.