

## NEW DAY SERMON OUTLINE

### INTRODUCTION

What is wrong with the world? Why do we treat each other so badly? And why is there disease, disaster, and death? It's all here in Genesis 3!

Graduates: Learn the lesson of Genesis 3 to avoid making major mistakes in your life.

Parents and grandparents: Teach your kids the story of Adam & Eve so they'll understand why this world is broken and what to do about it.

### I. SCRIPTURE

#### **A. GOD CREATES ONE REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISOBEY**

The Bible tells us in the previous chapter: God made a special region for Adam, like a Hawaiian island in the desert, and placed him in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam about two special trees in Eden: "The Tree of \_\_\_\_\_" and "The Tree of \_\_\_\_\_ of Good & Evil."

Why did God create a rule and give Adam the possibility of sinning?

#### **B. SATAN APPEARS IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN**

*1a Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made.*

Satan possesses a snake.

Is Satan equal with God? \_\_\_\_\_.

In Job 1, Satan appears before God along with the \_\_\_\_\_. He is a created being, apparently a fallen angel or cherub. (See Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, & Revelation 12). He is bent on destroying the human race.

#### **C. SATAN TEMPTS EVE**

*1b He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

*2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 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.' "*

*4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

#### **D. EVE AND ADAM SIN AGAINST GOD**

*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.*

Notice where Adam is: "... who was \_\_\_\_\_ her."

*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.*

For the first time they felt shame and guilt. They instinctively wanted to be clothed but didn't do such a good job of covering themselves.

## **E. GOD CONFRONTS ADAM & EVE**

*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. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

*10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." 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?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."*

Adam blames the woman, and God! The woman you put here – it's her fault!

*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."*

She blames the serpent!

## **F. GOD CURSES THE SERPENT, THE WOMAN, AND THE MAN**

### **(1) GOD CURSES THE SERPENT**

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

*15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."*

Why is it significant that God mentions "her offspring / seed"?

### **(2) GOD CURSES THE WOMAN**

*16 To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*

From now on women will suffer in the two areas most important to a woman. God created her to love being a wife and mother. But now notice where the pain will be:

1) Childbirth.

2) Marital strife.

**SIDE NOTE:**

In Christian circles there are two main perspectives of the roles of men and women in the home and church.

Egalitarianism = men and women are \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no difference.  
"In Christ there is neither male nor female."

Complementarianism = men and women have equal value before God but are not the same. They're created with a desire for different roles and these differences "complement" one another.

### **(3) GOD CURSES THE MAN**

*17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'*

*"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.*

*18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.*

*19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

### **G. SOME IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS TO THE STORY**

*20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.*

*21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

This is likely the first time Adam and Eve have seen an animal slaughtered. God himself slaughters the animal and makes garments of skin for Adam & Eve. This was not because the fig leaves weren't enough covering. This is the first of many reminders: Sin will require the shedding of \_\_\_\_\_.

The rest of the chapter tells us God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden and blocked the way with cherubim (angelic creatures created to protect holy spaces). Adam and Eve could never return to Paradise. From this point forward the world is never the same. They're kicked out into an unprotected, violent and chaotic world.

## **II. APPLICATION**

### **A. UNDERSTAND WHY CREATION GROANS**

Do you want to know why this world is broken? One word: Sin. We live in a fallen world. Sin is the cause of every arrest, every argument and every addiction.

The Bible also says our sin is why God's creation is falling apart.

*[Rom 8:19-22 NIV] 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

In heaven God will recreate the heavens and the earth and reverse the second law of thermodynamics. Until then everything is falling apart; all creation groans. It's as if the whole world is crying out to God for Eden to be restored.

## **B. UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE BROKEN**

The Bible says you and I have inherited Adam's sin nature. We "bear the image of the earthly man" (1 Cor. 15:49).

*[Rom 5:12 NIV] 12 ... sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...*

The problem is not just your environment. That's a contributing factor, one of three contributing factors, and not the most important. The Bible indicates there are three sources of temptation. Three reasons we give into disobedience:

- 1) WORLD
- 2) FLESH
- 3) DEVIL

*[Eph 6:12-13 NIV] 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

## **C. LEARN FROM ADAM & EVE'S MISTAKES**

**1) They ignored God's command instead of obeying God.**

**2) They blamed others instead of confessing to God.**

*[1Jo 1:8-9 NIV] 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

**3) They hid from God instead of walking with God.**

Learn how to walk with God. The Bible says Abraham was called "the friend of God." Seek to be a friend of God. Learn to love time with him.

## **CONCLUSION**

In this dark story there's one glimmer of light. We read "Adam named his wife Eve (life or life-giver) because she would be the mother of all living."

Why is this significant? She does not yet have any \_\_\_\_\_.

Adam held onto God's promise and extended grace to Eve. There's hope and grace in the naming of Eve.

## **INVITATION**

This is a “pivotal chapter” in the true story of God’s relationship with man.

God made us with free will.

But starting with Adam and Eve, we have all sinned, and the whole world is groaning as a result. We deserve death.

But from the beginning God promised: The seed of the woman would crush the head of Satan.

Jesus came....

And Jesus, the seed of the woman, crushed Satan under his feet.

Through Jesus we can be forgiven and escape the penalty of sin. Turn from your pride and trust in Jesus.

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **1. Recognizing Temptation's Strategy**

**Scripture Focus:** > "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"?' — **Genesis 3:1 (NIV)**

- **Discussion Question:** The serpent begins his temptation not with an outright attack, but by casting doubt on what God actually said. In our modern world, what are some subtle ways culture or our own thoughts cause us to ask, "*Did God really say...?*" How can we guard ourselves against this type of subtle doubt?

### **2. The Blame Game vs. Ownership**

**Scripture Focus:** > "The man said, 'The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'" — **Genesis 3:12–13 (NIV)**

- **Discussion Question:** When confronted by God, both Adam and Eve immediately deflected responsibility by blaming someone else. Why is it our natural instinct to blame our circumstances, our upbringing, or other people when we mess up? What does genuine spiritual ownership look like in a relationship or community today?

### **3. Hiding From God**

**Scripture Focus:** > "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. But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?'" — **Genesis 3:8–9 (NIV)**

- **Discussion Question:** Out of shame and fear, Adam and Eve tried to hide from the presence of God. While we can't hide behind trees today, what are some ways we modern Christians "hide" from God when we feel guilty or inadequate? How does knowing God already knows where we are change our willingness to approach Him?

#### 4. Navigating a Groaning World

**Scripture Focus:** > "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." — **Romans 8:22 (NIV)**

- **Discussion Question:** The sermon outline notes that everything from global disasters to personal anxieties stems from living in a fallen world where creation is "groaning". When you look at the brokenness in the news or experience trial in your own life, how do you balance the heavy reality of this broken world with the hope that God will one day restore everything?

#### 5. Overcoming the Three Sources of Temptation

**Scripture Focus:** > "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." — **Ephesians 6:12–13 (NIV)**

- **Discussion Question:** The outline highlights three sources of temptation: the World, the Flesh, and the Devil. Looking at your current stage of life (whether as a graduate, parent, or professional), which of these three areas do you feel the most daily pressure from? What practical steps can we take as a small group to help each other "stand our ground"?

#### 6. Embracing Forgiveness and Friendship with God

**Scripture Focus:** > "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." — **1 John 1:8–9 (NIV)**

- **Discussion Question:** Instead of staying hidden or making fig-leaf excuses, 1 John calls us to honest confession. Why is confession so freeing, and how does regular confession help us transition from "hiding from God" to truly "walking with God" as His friends?