

Genesis 3:7-15 - Lesson 10

Fall from Innocence

1. 3:6-7 - Fall from Innocence

- a. Scofield called Eden the dispensation of Innocence (he wasn't the first)
- b. Innocence ~*def.* free from guilt, sin, and death; pure; lawful; right; good.
- c. Innocence is not stupidity, naivety, immaturity, it is righteousness - Exo 23:7
 - i. God is innocent. You don't have to try it, to know it's bad (devil's lie)
 - ii. They could, learn, grow, parent, love, be married, rule, have dominion.
- d. But, they trusted their senses, appearance, and personal control over God's word.
- e. She called evil good, and good evil. Eve was deceived. - Isa 5:20, Mal 2:17
- f. "*eyes ... were opened*" - not to greater light or wisdom, but to sin, evil, filth, self.

2. "*they knew that they were naked*"

- a. They were naked before, but w/o shame covered in righteousness/innocence
- b. Nakedness = exposed to guilt, shame, sin - Nah 3:5, Job 26:6
- c. The need for modesty comes from the fall, where nakedness becomes a shame.
- d. They now know thought evil/shame of what was for good - Jer 17:5-10, 19:5
- e. When we flee from God we are naked - Mark 14:51-52
- f. Man was made to be clothed, man in righteousness is not exposed - Isa 61:10
- g. When in the presence of God Moses shone with glory - 2 Cor 3:13-18, 5:1-4
- h. Clothing is righteousness and glory - Matt 17:2, Rev 3:15-18, 10:1, 19:8,14; 1Ti 2:9
- i. Nakedness cannot separate us from God as we are clothed in Christ - Rom 8:35

3. 3:7-10

- a. Nothing is hidden from a holy God, but they make aprons - Heb 4:13
- b. They immediately tried to hide their shame, to make a covering - Job 31:33
- c. The fig leaves represent man's effort to cover their own sin and it's worthless
- d. They hid themselves b/c of guilt, shame, condemnation, but God already knew
- e. God seeks the sinner, the sinner does not seek God - Rom 3:11

4. 3:9-13 - Where? Who? What?

- a. "*I was afraid*" - Adam's glory no longer matched God's.
- b. Nobody told Adam and Eve. God did not change, something changed in man.
- c. Adam, nor Eve, confess their sin, but self-justifies (excuses) and blames.

5. 3:14-15 - The Seed of the Woman

- a. The serpent is cursed as Satan's tool and a constant reminder of sin - Isa 65:25
- b. "*enmity between thee*" - a prophecy about snakes, the Devil, and the Saviour
- c. "*seed*" - Matt 13:38, 23:33, Luke 10:19, Mark 16:18, John 8:44, Acts 13:10
- d. "*bruise thy head*" - A prophecy of salvation, the first promise of atonement
 - i. This is proof of God's forgiveness, and his war against the Devil
- e. The only seed born of a woman (not a man) is the Lord Jesus Christ - Isa 7:14