

FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS  
Lesson 18 Genesis 3

In Genesis 2:7 we have the account of the creation of man. Adam is a picture of Jesus Christ, Who was called the "second Adam."

In Genesis 2:21, 22, a rib is taken from Adam, and the Lord made Eve. Here is the first surgery ever mentioned in the human race. Eve is a picture of the Christians or the bride of Christ.

She was taken from the wounded side of Adam. We, as God's people, have been taken from the wounded side of our Saviour, Whose side was pierced on the cross.

### THE SERPENT

1. He was \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:1, the word "subtle" implies his shrewdness. Oh, that we might realize how shrewd he really is!

2. Perhaps he looked like an \_\_\_\_\_. At least the Apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth that Satan transforms his messengers into angels of light.

Satan was an angel in Heaven, and there is some reason to believe that maybe the serpent flew at this time. At least we know he was not a writhing reptile, but a beautiful, tempting creature.

3. He cast \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word of God. Genesis 3:2-4. There were two trees in the Garden of Eden that were very close to each other.

One was the "tree of life," and one was the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Man could not eat of both; he had to make a choice.

Genesis 3:23, 24. Adam and Eve chose to eat of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil"; hence, they could not eat of the "tree of life." Satan planned to persuade them to eat of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

In doing this, he said that God's Word was not true. God had said something, but He could not be trusted, according to Satan. This has always been Satan's biggest task.

Genesis 3:4, "Ye shall not surely die." Notice especially the word "surely." In other words, Satan said, "The Lord may have said that you will die, but He didn't really mean that, for you shall not SURELY die."

Here is another trick of Satan. He tries to tell us that God doesn't mean exactly what He says. Ah, how shrewd he is!

4. Satan \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:5. He told Eve that if only she would eat of the fruit of the tree, she would be as gods.

Since Satan is the god of this world, perhaps he was tempting her to look like him. He was a beautiful cherub. Maybe he was saying, "Eve, if you would eat that fruit, you would be like me." In a sense, he was telling the truth.

She would be as mean as he. She would be as sinful as he. Sin always makes us more like Satan.

5. Satan's \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:6 how Eve was tempted. First, the temptation came through her eyes. Notice the word, "saw." Then notice the words, "good for food."

She was tempted by her senses. Then notice the words, “pleasant to the eyes,” and the words, “to make one wise.” Satan still tempts people through the eyes, through the senses, and through the desire to be humanly wise. How sad for us to believe him!

#### THE FIG LEAVES. Genesis 3:7.

1. When Adam and Eve \_\_\_\_\_, several things happened, the most important of which was that they realized they were \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They sewed \_\_\_\_\_ leaves together for covering. They made aprons for themselves. The fact that they made aprons meant that only the front was covered.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ covering never covers all of our sins and is never acceptable by God as covering for our nakedness. Here we have a picture of man’s efforts to cover himself.
4. Man \_\_\_\_\_ that by joining a church, becoming religious, turning over a new leaf, living a good life, taking communion, being baptized, he can \_\_\_\_\_ his sins, but all man's efforts are unacceptable to God.

#### GOD’S COVERING. Genesis 3:21

1. It was a \_\_\_\_\_. It covered man’s nakedness completely. Here is the picture of the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ and the salvation He gives us.
2. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice. Notice, it was a “coat of skins,” which means that an animal had to die.
3. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by God. Salvation must be made by God, not by man.

#### THE PROMISE OF A MESSIAH. Genesis 3:15.

1. As soon as man sinned, God \_\_\_\_\_ a Messiah. The “seed of woman” in verse 15 is the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The bruising of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the serpent by the seed of woman is a picture of Calvary when Jesus bruised Satan from the cross.
3. The bruising of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the seed is a picture of Jesus’ suffering on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

#### THE CURSE.

1. The serpent. Satan’s tool was \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:14. The serpent became God’s illustration in nature of the effects of sin. The most beautiful and subtle of creatures became a loathsome reptile.

This shows the awfulness of sin and what it does to the most beautiful.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:16. Notice the curse that was placed upon woman.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:17, the earth was cursed.
4. The sorrow of \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:17.
5. Burdensome \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:18, 19.
6. Physical \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:19.