

— SCRIPTURES —

Genesis 2:15-17

“Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘*From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.*’”

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”

John 8:44

“You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer *from the beginning* ...”

Genesis 3:6-8

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and *they knew that they were naked*; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and *the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God* among the trees of the garden.”

Mark 7:21-23

“For from within, *out of the heart* of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. *All these evil things proceed from within* and defile the man.”

Genesis 3:16-17

“To the woman He said, ‘*I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children*; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you.’ Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, “You shall not eat from it”; *Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.*’”

Romans 8:22

“For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.”

Genesis 3:21

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

Genesis 4:1

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “*With the help of the LORD* I have brought forth a man.”

What’s Wrong With The World?

We all know that we live in a fallen world and that we habitually do what we know to be wrong. Why is this and what are we to do about it?

1. God created a wonderful world and defined the limits within which we could enjoy it. (Gen 2:15-17)

we are _____ to God as our creator

2. There was evil in the universe before there was sin in the world (Gen 3:1; John 8:44)

we are _____ to temptation from Satan

3. The consequence of sinning was sudden death ... spiritually (Gen. 3:6-8; Mark 7:21-23)

we are b_____, b_____, and b_____

4. The curses God pronounced made the world a harder place to live in (Gen. 3:16-17; Rom. 8:22)

we must live with _____ facing certain _____

However, we must take note of two things in Genesis 3 ...

5. God never _____ Adam or Eve

6. God immediately began to _____ Adam and Eve. (Gen. 3:21; 4:1)

— SOME FINAL THOUGHTS —

Because of Adam’s sin, all of us are sinful from the heart.

Because of God’s sentence, we stand condemned to struggle against (or without) God through this life and die separated from Him.

Because of God’s curses, this life will be a mixed bag of some joy and much difficulty, ending with certain death.

Because of God’s grace, we may find forgiveness for our sins, hope in a Savior, strength for life’s difficulties, and eternal life with God after death.