

Creation CORRUPTED

CENTRAL TRUTH | God promised a Redeemer as a result of humanity's rebellion.

Embarrassment is a powerful feeling and can manifest itself in some sneaky ways. In fact, we go to great lengths in order not to feel its sting. Perhaps even hearing the word “embarrassment” conjured up some negative feelings or experiences for you. As we'll see in this week's teaching, Adam and Eve rebelled against the Lord's command which resulted in an awareness of their nakedness—and with it, shame and fear. The good world that the Lord created was corrupted, and Adam and Eve's relationship with Him was fractured. However, the Lord graciously moved toward them and promised that a male descendant who would come to defeat Satan — the one who used the serpent as an instrument. God promised a Redeemer as a result of humanity's rebellion.

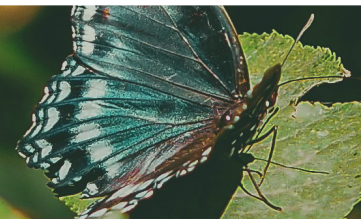


REFLECT

What questions do I have about God?

What questions do I have about myself?

What questions do I have about the world and those around me?



GENESIS 3:1-8

¹ Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden.” ³ But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

GENESIS 3:13-15

¹³ So the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?”

And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than any livestock
and more than any wild animal.

You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

GENESIS 3:21-24

²¹ The Lord God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

²² The Lord God said, “Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever.” ²³ So the Lord God

sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴ He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

Day 01

GENESIS 3:1-8



Refer to page # for a description of the 7 Arrows of Bible Reading.

📍 READ & RESPOND

Humankind was created to enjoy a relationship with God and to serve Him by caring for the good world He had created. This passage introduces us to a serpent that is being used by Satan, to deceive the woman and make her doubt the Lord's character. The serpent manipulates she and her husband rebel against the Lord, which leads to the corruption of God's good world. Maybe you've also asked yourself, as the serpent asked the woman, "Did God really say . . . ?" regarding something that God has said in His Word. We all have moments where we are tempted to grow suspicious of God's character and Word. Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit to help us stay anchored to what God has said in Scripture, inviting fellow believers to encourage us along the way.

↓ When have you been tempted to doubt God's character and what He says in His Word? Why did you feel this way?

🔄 What happened as a result of Adam and Eve's rebellion? What does this teach us about sin?

↔ This week, how can you encourage someone who is struggling to trust the Lord's wisdom and guidance?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write out each of the words of **Genesis 3:15** on separate note cards or scraps of paper and mix them up. See if you can put them in the correct order from memory.

📍 PRAY

Heavenly Father, in moments when I am tempted to doubt You and Your Word, help me to embrace Your wisdom and care. In Christ, thank You that I am forgiven and reconciled to You in Christ.

Day02

GENESIS 3:13-15

📍 READ & RESPOND

When you were younger, was there ever a time when you did something you clearly weren't supposed to do and you got caught? Maybe the family member who caught you in the act asked what you had done, giving you the chance to confess. In a similar way, we see that the Lord graciously moves toward Adam and Eve after their rebellion and asks them questions. He isn't asking to get information—He already knows. Rather, He invites the man (vv. 9,11) and the woman (v. 13) to take responsibility for their actions and confess what they did. As a result of their disobedience, the Lord promises that one of Eve's descendants will come one day and defeat the serpent (Satan), though that descendant will be struck in the process. This descendant would turn out to be Jesus: the Redeemer who God sent to save us and reconcile us back to Him.

🔄 What is the purpose of God's question in verse 13?

🔄 Are there any areas of rebellion in your life that you need to confess to the Lord? If so, bring them to Him in prayer.

🔄 How does verse 15 point to the hope of the gospel?

📍 MEMORIZE

Every time you wash your hands today, say as much of **Genesis 3:15** aloud as you can remember.

📍 PRAY

Lord Jesus, through what You have accomplished, the enemy has been defeated and I have been rescued to enjoy a relationship with God. Help me to share the hope of this good news with others.

Day 03

GENESIS 3:21-24

📍 READ & RESPOND

The clothes that Adam and Eve made from fig leaves were not an adequate long-term solution to cover them. So, the Lord made clothing for them out of skins, which implies that one or more animals had to be killed. In other words, it was a death that led to Adam and Eve being covered. This passage presents another theme that we see in Scripture: blood must be shed to cover sin. Adam and Eve's rebellion resulted in both physical and spiritual death. But in God's kindness, He sent Jesus to die in our place so that our sins would be covered once and for all. Those who believe in Him are made spiritually alive and are new creations. Our God has graciously met our greatest need!

🔍 What theme does this passage point to that we can find throughout Scripture?

↑ Why is it important to understand that Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice?

→ Who is one person in your life who you want to see experience new life in Christ? Take a moment to pray for this person.

📍 MEMORIZE

Using colored pencils or pens, creatively write out **Genesis 3:15**. Read the verse out loud five times. Finally, try to say it out loud five times without looking, trying to picture it in your mind instead.

📍 PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the once-and-for-all sacrifice who has covered my sin. As I have experienced freedom in Christ, give me courage to point others to you so they may experience this same freedom.

Day 04

LEVITICUS 26:11-13

📍 READ & RESPOND

The Lord freed the Israelite people from their Egyptian captivity for them to worship Him and be His covenant people. Though we might find it odd to read about God “walking,” notice how personal the language is that He uses. This is a reference to the relationship God had with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (see Gen. 3:8). Just as God’s presence was with them in the garden, His presence will be with the Israelites, as well. And guess what? As believers, God’s Spirit resides within us, and it’s by His power that we are enabled to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

← Why do you think the Israelites needed to be reminded of what the Lord had done for them?

↑ What does this passage teach us about the character of God?

↓ Read 2 Corinthians 6:16. What does it mean for you to live as a person whom the Holy Spirit resides in?

📍 MEMORIZE

Tell a friend or family member that your memory verse this week is **Genesis 3:15** and explain what it means. Then, invite that person to randomly quiz you on the verse at some point today.

📍 PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to reside within Your people. By the Spirit’s power, help me to live out my identity as a child in the family of God in Christ.

Day 05

HEBREWS 2:14-15

📍 READ & RESPOND

Because of Adam and Eve's rebellion, the Lord promised to one day send a Redeemer. Here, the author of Hebrews reminds readers that Jesus, the Son of God, put on flesh and identified with us. Through His death and resurrection, He defeated the devil and freed those who believe in Him from slavery to sin. The promise of Genesis 3:15 has been fulfilled through Jesus. True freedom isn't found in doing whatever we please and living life on our own terms. Freedom is found in Christ, the One who has rescued us and brought us into God's family. As we learn to serve Him in community with others, we grow into the people He has called us to be.

↑ Read this week's memory verse. How has Jesus fulfilled this promise?

↻ How does this passage shape the way you pray?

→ How does our culture define freedom? What does freedom in Christ look like?

📍 MEMORIZE

Write down the first letter of each word of **Genesis 3:15** on a note card. At least five times today, see if you can say the verse just by looking at the letters.

📍 PRAY

Heavenly Father, You are gracious and faithful to Your promises. Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue me from slavery to sin so that I can enjoy being a part of Your eternal family.