

## Genesis 3B

[Gen. 3:6](#) 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 desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

- After Woman sees the fruit, then desire and coveting follows
  - Then she takes a first small step
    - Woman touches the fruit
    - Now her false knowledge of the scripture kicks in
    - No consequence to touching (she thinks)
  - Now feels complete freedom to indulge, so she eats
    - The consequences of sin often involve a delayed response
    - We walk by faith not by sight – faith in God’s Word not in our senses
      - If we wait long enough to see the negative consequences of our sin then pull back and change our ways...
      - It will be too late...we will have incurred even greater penalty
      - It’s like the person who ignores the warnings of smoking only to discover they have lung cancer
- Is this pattern repeated in our lives?
- So the woman ate and gave it to Adam who also ate
  - Why didn’t woman die?
    - Spiritual death, not physical death
      - Eating the fruit does NOT result in physical death
      - Strictly speaking, the human race doesn’t die a physical death because Adam and the woman ate of the tree
      - Adam lives 930 years after he eats!

- The death is a spiritual death
  - It put to death the innocent nature Adam was given
  - In its place, Adam had a new fallen nature, opposed to God, literally an enemy of God, due judgment and therefore fearing death and even God's presence
    - Heb 2:14-15
- The fact that eating it didn't result in a physical death emboldens Woman even further
  - It leads her to a view the fruit as safe
  - Hands it to the man
    - Where was he?
    - Either nearby or right there not far
    - Either way, not deceived because...

[1Tim. 2:14](#) And *it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

- Adam doesn't not have the serpent's deception as an excuse, no matter where he was
  - He doesn't protest like Woman did
  - He doesn't try to quote God's word
  - He is completely willing to disobey
- But who's credited with the fall
  - 1 Cor 15:21-22; Rom 5:12
  - Why not Woman?
  - Deception was a defense
    - Why? And why can't we use deception as an excuse?
    - Woman was innocent
      - She didn't know evil

- She COULD be deceived and led to think she was acting according to God's word
      - After the fall, we have no defense because we are born in sin, without a chance to start innocent
- So then she hands the fruit to Adam (nearby or not)
  - Now he eats
    - He sins with his eyes open
    - Adam brings sin into the world
  - So why does Satan begin with Woman?
    - Because she was the easy mark? The weak one?
    - Who ate the fruit more easily?
      - So what might we conclude about Adam's view of God's word versus Woman's?
        - Adam didn't believe
        - Woman did believe
  - Perhaps Satan knew that Adam was already in his camp
    - So he goes after woman
- So why does God put Woman outside the garden? Why isn't she spared?
  - How did Woman obtain sin if she was deceived?
    - Where does her sin come from?
  - Now we see the genius and grace of God brought to bear on this situation
- Remember the creation of woman
  - We asked why wasn't she created like Adam, out of the ground
  - She was created from Adam's flesh
  - They were equals...
    - She was created from Adam's side (a rib)

- Not from Head to rule over man
  - Not from the feet to be under him
  - A companion in absolute equality
- If we were to conclude that Woman is inferior to Adam merely because she was made from material taken from him...
  - Then what does that say about Adam' in relationship to the dirt of the ground?
- No, the significance that she was taken from Adam's flesh is not with respect to who was superior or inferior
  - It was rather an issue being of the same flesh
  - Remember, they are one flesh now
  - Whatever happens to one in the flesh is effectively happening to the other
- So Gods choice to create Woman from Adam's flesh (rather than starting over again from the ground) is grace in light of what God knew would happen in the future
  - Knowing Adam would sin, God didn't want Adam to be forever separated from Woman
    - So His decision to create Woman from Adam's flesh meant that whatever happened to Adam would necessarily include Woman
    - So at the moment Adam fell, so did Woman
    - And the proof is found in verse 7

[Gen. 3:7](#) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

- Woman had already eaten in verse 6 and showed no evidence of shame or concern
  - But once the man ate, verse 7 says then the eyes of both of them were opened and knew they were naked
  - Only after Adam eats do we hear of the effects of sin

- Then they knew they were naked and made effort to cloth themselves
  - Why? What's going on here?
  - First, what does it mean that they knew they were naked?
    - We talked about nakedness meaning vulnerability and shame
    - Now we see more clearly that with sin comes a sense of exposure, or vulnerability
    - Of the need to cover up and conceal ourselves
      - The feeling is so strong, they feel the need to create clothing
      - Not for weather protection or because of civil standards
      - It's inherently a reaction to our sinful nature – before God

[Gen. 3:8](#) ¶ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

[Gen. 3:9](#) Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

- Now God approaches them in the garden
  - Is God truly walking?
    - The word for walk (halak) generally means to access, go in, enter
    - God entered the garden
  - In the cool of the day
    - ruach – means Spirit or breath or wind most of the time
    - It seems that God entered like the wind (not walking)
    - But importantly, He made His presence known (to be heard)
      - He wanted Adam and Woman to know He was coming
      - Why?
- They hide when they hear God

- Why?
- It seems God wanted them to have a warning of His approach
- Then they hid
  - Their sin gave them reason to fear God and He shows grace by making sure they have opportunity to shield themselves from His presence
  - To look upon God in sin requires that He judge sin
    - He cannot look upon sin not they Him
  - So they hide and God calls for them
    - Why does God ask “Where are you?”
    - Doesn’t He know?
  - It’s grace again
    - An opportunity for repentance
    - Does Adam take the opportunity?

[Gen. 3:11](#) And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

[Gen. 3:12](#) The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”

- Interesting question from God
  - Who told you that you were naked?
    - In Hebrew - *Amar mi nagad erom?*
    - Nagad – made known, declared, made conspicuous
    - Who declared you to be exposed?
      - There is only one way that could happen – you sinned
      - You broke the only rule you were given
      - You ate from the tree

- This was the second opportunity for Adam to repent and confess His sin
- Adam's response is classic – needs no commentary
  - The woman
    - The one You gave me
      - Adam first blames God
      - God's gift is held against Him
    - She gave me from the tree
      - Then He blames the woman
      - The woman's simple act becomes the reason for Adam's sin
    - And I ate
      - His own role is minimized
      - Stuck at the end, almost as a footnote
  - Adam doesn't repent or seek forgiveness
    - He seems unconcerned about the truth of God's promise (they will truly die)

[Gen. 3:13](#) Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- Finally, God turns to the woman
  - His question to her is simple
    - What have you done?
  - She responds that she was deceived and then admits her role
    - If not exactly a confession, at least it was truthful without excuse
    - Remember, deception was a legitimate reason for her actions prior to the fall

- Now the fall has happened, as God knew and even planned for in His creation
  - Now He has two choices
  - He can judge sin, as He must
    - And if he judges sin, He must demands the just penalty
    - He must demand the death and eternal separation of these two from his presence forever
      - And it's not as though the punishment is intended to exact retribution
      - It is the inevitable result of their sinful nature – they can never again be in His company by their nature
      - Absent some solution on God's part, they will be His enemies forever

[Eph. 2:1](#) ¶ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

[Eph. 2:2](#) in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

[Eph. 2:3](#) Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.