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Genesis 3 – Part 1 & 6

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In the beginning	God create world	Gen 1
Before 4000 BC	Adam Eve	Gen 1~5 ?
Before 3000 BC	Cain Abel Seth	Gen 4~5 ?
Before 2500 BC	Noah	Gen 5~10 ?

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Transcript

Genesis 3 – Part 1 of 6

Today we want to study the fall of man.

Now we all know that the world is a really beautiful world. The evidence of beauty is around us. And yet it's been messed up. If you really want to see the world in its original condition, if that's possible, you need to almost be a deep sea diver. Go to the deepest ocean, where men have not been yet to mess it and pollution is not there and you will see God's amazing creation. People travel all over the world to see mountains but they're deforested, to go to beautiful beaches, but they're polluted. So really, we can sense the world was beautiful, but something has gone wrong and things are getting worse. So what are we going to blame? Who are we going to blame? Most people will blame things around us? Why so much cheating and corruption in government? Too much money, they're printing too much money. So we blame things. But the Bible tells us the real problem is not the things around us. The main problem is us. So the question is how did God's man, God creation become like us?

It begins in the book of Genesis chapter 3 with a very strange creature called the serpent. Now when you think of a serpent, the snake slithering on the ground, but later we'll find out this serpent actually was a reptile. In the creation story in Genesis 1, it tells us God made three types of animals, the beast that's the wild ones, the cattle that's domesticated animals, and the creeping things,

that's reptiles. So this serpent in Genesis 3:1 is really a reptile. And this reptile can speak, so likely it is possessed by Satan.

What do we learn? What's the first seed truth we learn here? Satan exists. And Satan doesn't want you to know he exists. He likes to do things behind the scenes. He likes to work through agents so that his real awful, threatening presence is not known to man. So what happens is, Satan used a serpent. He possessed a serpent and you know, in our time we view serpents, the snake kind of scary, but in the time of the Garden of Eden, every animal was a friend of Adam and Eve. So the serpent is like a pet dog coming in or is like the serpent coming along and talking to Eve. And Eve, of course, doesn't know that serpents cannot talk. So she listens to this serpent as if it's a friend, giving her advice.

So here we see a very important truth that we must all know. We must know that the devil, Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. That's his method of working. That's found in II Corinthians 11:14. So what Satan can do nowadays he can use your friend to suggest things to you. He could use your favourite program to pollute you, he could use your favourite elite school that you go to, to corrupt you, he could use any of these agents. So it's very, very important that we understand the first tactic of Satan. And most people in the world say there's no such thing as the devil, is just a figment of imagination, is a cartoon figure, you know, he has succeeded. And even most Christians don't realize Satan walks around through the earth seeking whom he may deceive. Alright, so I hope today you understand even where you're sitting right now, surrounded by things you like that any of those could be an agent that Satan will use to pollute your mind.

Genesis 3 – Part 2 of 6

Let's continue our study in the fall of man by seeing three more seed truths.

We see how Satan likes to defame God. He comes to the woman and says, Is it true that you cannot eat of every tree in the garden? Actually, God just told them avoid two trees out of the possibly millions of trees, beautiful trees. This is Satan's common tactic.

People will be used by Satan to say, “You Christians can do everything, really?” For one I cannot commit adultery, I know that will mess up my marriage. Another I don't want to get into addiction because whether it's alcohol or pornography, I know that will ruin me. You know, there are some things that God does restrict us, but we can still enjoy the millions of other trees in the garden. We can have wonderful lives. I can say this for myself, I wouldn't want to change my life for any other. I enjoy every day of my life, and I'm filled with joy. So why does Satan do this? He wants us to be dissatisfied with God. Very common tactic that he uses. So you'll hear people coming to you all the time and say, “I feel so sorry for you Christians, everything you cannot do” And then you know, if you're gullible and foolish, you will probably swallow that and say, “yeah, I'm really deprived of a lot of things. God is kind of unfair to me.” So be careful of this. There's a second seed truth.

The third seed truth in this chapter is “why did the serpent approach Eve, not Adam?” Now generally speaking, don't take this as something as bias or a sexist remark. Women are more gullible. Emotionally they are already somewhat gullible, they're emotionally vulnerable. Men tend to be more objective, they will

size up the person. You know flattery works a lot on women. So men who want to take advantage of women always use this very simple tactic. In fact, flattery, you find these people take advantage of women - They're not the best looking, they're not the smartest, but they must have the art of flattering, looking very kind and friendly and flatter that person. So he came up to Eve, knowing Eve is more gullible.

In II Timothy 3:6, it tells us in the last days, many evil men will lead away many gullible women. Right in King James version -silly women, easily fooled, but the correct word is gullible. And so you know, you find if people want to sell something, whether it's a gimmick, they usually go to the wife and usually in cults, for example, the leaders are usually men but his diehard followers who literally will die with him , the vast majority are ladies. So ladies be a little careful of someone coming like a friend but full of flattery.

Fourth seed truth, it says how she tried to defend herself. God said you cannot eat of every tree and she said no, we can eat every tree except that tree. That tree we are not supposed to eat nor touch them. Where did she add that from? God never says you cannot touch. So why did she add this? You see when we try to defend a truth, we tend to over exaggerate. We want to have more defence and the thinking of more defence by stating more in addition to what God said, it's very common.

You'll find, for example, some churches will teach you that you cannot touch alcohol. Really? When does the Bible does say you cannot touch alcohol? That's a new one I haven't read. I've read the Bible umpteen times and never saw that. Jesus first miracle, He turned water to wine and what is it for? For drinking of course, wasn't for pouring in the toilet. Now, why do people say that? They

want to make the position stronger, so they add to the Word of God. Now you cannot touch alcohol, a lot of medicines, you cannot take. All your cough mixtures, when your baby has a lot of gas you give him gripe water and it has a lot of alcohol in it. A lot of things dissolve in alcohol. A lot of medicines are made with alcohol. Now you cannot touch it and your doctor wants to use alcohol to wipe you before he injects you, you have to touch alcohol and you're dying of terminal cancer they give you a cocktail to help you bear the agony and suffering and contains alcohol, even morphine in morphia. Of course you don't get addicted, you're gonna die or do you worry about addiction? You know, Bible says, 'Don't drink to get drunk. Don't let alcohol control you'. Never says don't touch. So we have these kind of churches that like to add just like Eve and then people will start to mock it. And they say this is ridiculous, right? So be careful. Defend God with God's word. Don't add or subtract. Subtracting looks bad. Adding is just as bad. So these are three little truths we can see in Genesis chapter three.

Genesis 3 – Part 3 of 6

Let's go on and study three more seed truths in Genesis chapter 3.

The fifth truth is Satan will put doubts in our mind. The serpent said to Eve, “you won't die. Surely you won't die”. You know, this is sowing doubt. She was clear, she said, “If we eat it, we will die”. “No, don't believe that. Are you sure?” Often we have this kind of doubts thrown at us, starting in Genesis 1. These doubts were thrown at Bible scholars. “Are you sure God can make this amazing world in just six days? Are you sure? Are you sure they are literal days?” You know, all throughout church history, people believe they were literal days. Why? Because God put a stamp at the end of every day and said, evening and morning were the first day, evening and morning was the second day. Now that stamp is saying this is a literal, normal day. Not an era, not a period, right? Not a zillion years. It has an evening and morning, not million years or 10 years or five years and evening and morning, which is the evening which is the morning. But doubts put in and all of a sudden people say, well, I wonder whether God really meant a literal day. So we have all kinds of questions thrown at us to make us wonder. “Are you sure this verse actually means that?” Now for years I realized, clear as daylight that they were literal days. You don't need a PHD for that. But often when a doubt is sown in, we start to look for some reason why that verse cannot be true. So be careful when doubts are sown as a fifth seed truth.

So the sixth one, Satan said “You know what, frankly if you eat it, you will be like gods and your eyes will be opened”. The irony of it was, if Eve was not so easily flattered, that statement “You'll be like gods ” is really a very flattering statement, but Eve could easily

answered him "We are made in the image of God in His likeness. What do you mean? We'll be like gods, excuse me? " But Eve being flattered, maybe saw this pleasant creature, friendly, seems very reasonable talking to her and she bought that. And he said, "Then you will know, your eyes will be opened, and you will know good and evil". You see, God had made us, men in His image, except for the fact that He makes the rules. Obviously every man cannot make rules, then there'll be no rules. So we are made in His image in many ways, except we're not allowed to make rules. We can create, we cannot make rules, right? Because we are tenants on His land, the landlord makes the rules and one of his rules is, don't eat the fruit. Fair enough, if you go to a hotel you are told, you can make all the noise you like but by 11 o'clock please keep quiet and you don't keep quiet the hotel management will expel you from the hotel. Later Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden . He said, 'your eyes will be opened, you'll know good and evil.' You see, God knew that he had to make the rules because he didn't put in men that capacity to know clearly what is good and what is evil. So he had to make the rule that wasn't part of our creative DNA . Even up till today men want to make the rules. All the laws we make have loopholes and all kinds of problems and we make rules that are not good for us. She was tempted, wow. I'm like God and I can make my own rules. Isn't that nice? Okay, I can even be more than what I am. All of us like to make our own rules. Who doesn't? Because that's our ego saying I'm smart enough. I know what I'm doing even a child will tell his parents 'don't tell me what to do. I know mom, I'm not stupid,' So even a child thinks he knows enough. That's another seed truth. The flattery worked and Eve loved to make her own rules and so do we.

Seventh seed truth is that in Genesis 3:6, the woman looked at the fruit and said, Wow, looks delicious, she looks at the shape of the fruit, was pleasant to her eyes, not only delicious, but beautiful. Women like fruits which not only taste good but also look beautiful

too. And more than that , she said, if I eat of this, I will be wise like God.

Three things we are told in I John 2:16, Be careful of the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Let's look at these three common sins. The lust of the flesh - if we give ourselves the luxury to make our own rules we'll sleep all day, get up whenever we want, just hang around, lie down, or eat all we want to eat. And then we have sex. The ultimate of men of the flesh is to just sleep, eat and have sex. Now all these are not wrong. God gives us grace to enjoy food, that's God given, rest is God given, sex within the bounds of marriage is God given, nothing wrong, but God teaches us the rules for all these things. Gluttony, be careful, right? The lust of the eyes - some people are always going to the newest site, have to go to the newest mountain, have to go to the furthest country just to see something, just have to see, after they see then they see something else , then when they get home they look at Instagram of every interesting thing. You know the lust of eyes cannot be satisfied. The eyes have two little balls, but you cannot really satisfy them. You know the stomach after a while you get full right? The lust of the eye is very hard to fill. You can just keep to the 24 -7 you can see new images on your Instagram. Of course the pride of life. You know, the ego that man has of ambition is not wrong. To want to be good is not wrong. But if God made us to be number 100 in the world, be happy. That's your ambition, be what you want to be, the best you can be. You don't have to cheat and sabotage people.

Be careful of the lust of the flesh. Gluttony is our modern sin. When you see cooking shows become number one, you know we are already in trouble. Eating and eating and thinking of newer and better crazier food. Then the lust of the eyes, endless sights cannot satisfy and then finally the pride of life. In everything you want to

be No 1 at any cost. So be careful of this. I hope these seed truths will help you. Seven seed truths we have already seen.

Genesis 3 – Part 4 of 6

We continue now learning some important truths that will help us overcome sin.

First question we like to ask ourselves here is “Why was Eve standing next to this forbidden tree?” I mean, there’re so many beautiful sights and trees and fruits to eat in the garden, all hers. Why did she hang around the tree?

First principle, important principle is, don't hang around in a place where you're not supposed to be. Satan will get you. He walks around looking for easy targets. I'm sure. I would presume that Adam had told his wife, “God already told us not to eat those two trees, the rest we can do whatever we like, enjoy”. I presume he did that. But then she went right by there.

So how do we learn from this? If we know something can make us fall into sin, stay far from it. I give an example. I have a very sweet tooth. I love sweet drinks. I could drink coke by the tons of it. But I never buy coke. I don't buy sweet drinks. Why? I know if it was in the fridge I'll just say, “Ah, no harm done”. I'm pre diabetic. But see how one coke would kill you and the devil will probably make me diabetic with that and fall into sin.

So next question, we ask ourselves is, “Why didn’t Adam stop her?” I mean, he was right there. God already told him, he told his wife, “Why didn't you warn her? “Don't listen to this serpent. God already told us not to. I already told you.” Why did he not warn her? You

see another common problem is that men who are made by God to be head of our homes have failed in our duties. Many men fail in their duties of headship. Head is to protect, is to guide. Today, men and women get married and there's no head in the family. Headless family like headless chickens.

Problem No 2, when you are not the head, you are a failed husband. Wake up. It's easy just to sit back and act blur, which is a lot of easier than what we like to do. So when they eat of the fruit all of a sudden they realize that the Bible says the eyes will open. You mean all the time they were walking with closed eyes? No, obviously not. It means the eyes of the conscience were opened. And now they felt guilty and when you feel guilty, you tend to want to hide. When you see a guilty person he usually doesn't want to see, look at you in the eye, he keeps his head down. And even when you talk to him, he's sort of covers his mouth and tries to hide some part of him. So we realize the moment our conscience is aware, we've said, we really want to cover ourselves. No animal covers himself. Chimpanzees look like a hairy man sometimes, but they're perfectly happy being naked. Even babies before the age of conscience awareness are perfectly happy to be naked but not after that.

So when our conscience is awake, we want to cover ourselves. So what did Eve do? They quickly look for the biggest leaf around and that was the fig leaf. It's big and round and they somehow stuck it together or stitched it together and covered themselves. Of course a fig leaf cannot cover you very well. Try it today if you want to just go out with a fig leaf dress. It's not like cloth can wrap around you nicely or animal skins wrap you up nicely. The leaf is crinkly and there are gaps everywhere and you're going to be very embarrassed walking around. Parts of your body will definitely not

be covered. So when they did that they tried to cover themselves as best as they could with whatever they could get.

Today when men stand before God, they always try to use some kind of tactic. We often use religion, a bad man going to his god will take joss sticks, hopefully that "God, you know, I'm a bad guy but I'm a religious guy. Look at my joss sticks, look my head bowed down. What happens is, we use coverings, hoping it would cover our obvious sinfulness even the idol god know you're not a good boy. But with the joss sticks you can try to cover. We all try to put coverings.

And then the amazing part is God comes into the garden and calls for Adam. Where are you? You know, just earlier than this, two chapters ago we saw the creator God so awesome, so high, so amazing. And now this awesome God who can create comes down and says, Adam, where are you? You know, the average mind, human mind cannot grasp this, either the God is very high, way up there, or the gods, a tiny god in the kitchen, on the table. It cannot have a God that's very high, and yet very personal, that wants to fellowship with us. Only our God can do that. So high and yet, so personal, so gracious, wants to fellowship with me, especially after Adam's sin. So this is a picture of God visiting us, God reaching to us, not us reaching to God. Adam didn't look for God, he ran from God. But God looked for him.

That's why I'm always so thankful for the Trinity. If God was just a monotheistic God, he has to be up there, or he's down here. Trinity, God the Father in heaven. God the Son went on the cross, God the Holy Spirit lives in me. Wow! What a blessing to have a God to have and to worship the holy triune God. Now some people say how can God be one and God be three? God can be anything. If

God wants to be a 1 million in one, what's your problem? Some people say, if God was not created then how can? If God cannot create himself, don't call him God, call him something else. So when we call him God, He can do things we cannot picture. So when you say how can God be three in one? With God, why is it so impossible? With you, of course it's impossible. So we see here some important truths we hope will help us.

Genesis 3 – Part 5 of 6

Let's continue to see the results of sin.

When God asked Adam did you eat of the fruit? He immediately said, the woman whom you gave me, she gave me the fruit. And then God asked the woman, she said, the serpent gave me the fruit. So we see here, one of the major impact of sin is broken relationships. What has happened here was everybody doesn't trust everybody, everybody blames everybody else. We see a huge impact on society because of this.

When people ask me to describe Christianity, the blessings of Christianity in one word, I usually say, relationships through Christ, We have a restored relationship with our Creator and we have a restored relationship with others. But in this case the relationships were broken. You see a lot of problems because of this.

To the serpent, God said, “Because you've done this, you will slither on your belly, and your mouth will eat dust.” Up to this point, the serpent was really a reptile with short legs much like a crocodile. But the legs were then taken away. And from then on, it moved on its belly. Now if you think this story is kind of strange, like a fairy tale, you just need to look at an anatomy of snakes, just type in “legs in snakes”. And you will see that there are tiny little legs, for example in a Python, tiny little embryonic legs, even including the little digits like its toes or fingers. In fact, Python uses these digits to hold the mate during mating time. So evolutionists will spend a lot of effort trying to prove how a snake, a reptile lost its legs over millions of years. We don't need to. It's found in Genesis chapter 3.

But interestingly enough, a little hint of the gospel is seen in the curse of the snake. The snake was told the enmity between the woman and him. Seed of the woman will crush your head and then the seed of snake will crush the heel. Of course when the writer wrote this don't make any sense at all, what is this? After that we know the gospel, it makes sense. Beautiful drama, the hint of the plot is coming out. Later we know at the cross, Satan hurt Christ. But when Christ said "It is finished", Satan was totally crushed. Satan finished. So the head of Satan was crushed. The heel of Christ was crushed. Heel meaning hurt but not mortal wound. So we see also the enmity between women and crawling things. Example, my wife cannot stand anything that is a crawling thing. Lizard in the house must be got rid of, to me the lizard is a wonderful insect catcher, totally given by God to catch insects.

Now God said to the woman, your sorrow will multiply in your conception. If you ever understood labour pain and you won't if you're a male, but if a woman you understand and it's the greatest agony of all, nothing is more painful. I used to work in a maternity hospital, 100 babies a night and one of the agonies is listening to them yell and scream. No other animal goes through labour pains, just deliver, chickens drop eggs, pigs deliver piglets a dozen at a time. No problem. The baby comes out crying no other animal comes out crying.

Goes on to say to the woman, your desire shall be to your husband. Women want a husband even though they know they will be bullied greatly. In many cultures, women are treated so badly, treated like property of the man, can bully, do anything they want, and yet still women want to get married. Desire! Someone once asked me how do you know a woman wants to get married? Very easy, get a clean needle, prick hard, if blood comes out, she wants to get

married. That means every woman wants to get married. Am I being a sexist? No, it's in the Bible. And it says they want to get married even though the man will rule over her.

Man Adam was cursed in the ground. It will bring forth thorns and thistles, weeds. Agriculture is agony. You work so hard to plant something, but something keeps competing with it and those are weeds. Don't be a farmer if you have a choice, sell herbicide. Goes on to say, in sorrow you will eat your bread. You see, is that true? I mean, some people have great jobs. Remember, if I'm the president of the country that is stress. In the sweat of your brow, you will eat your bread. President of the biggest company pressure. There is no job on earth without pressure - sweat of your brow. Animals - how do they eat? Fish open their mouth, birds fly around pick up seeds, they don't need to work hard. Sow, water, harvest, prepare the food, store it properly, none of that. Just eat it. This is the curse of man that result because of sin.

Genesis 3 – Part 6 of 6

We now continue to see the impact of sin.

God tells Adam “After all your labour of stress by the sweat of your brow, you eat your bread and then you will go back to the dust”. In other words, you will not live forever. Now this is wisdom from God. If men are wicked, and he is allowed to go on living, just imagine Hitler is about to go on and on living, his amount of wickedness, power and control would be unbearable. So Adam goes back to the dust and Adam's name actually means dust. Eve simply means ‘mother of the living’. Now we see so much bad news. Thankfully there's good news in verse 21. God then provides for Adam and Eve skins for their covering.

The question is where did the skin come from? Got to come from an animal. You have to kill an animal, then strip off its skin and give it to Adam and Eve. In other words, an innocent animal had to be killed because of Adam's sin? Isn't this the gospel in seed form? One day the Lamb of God would die for our sins. You see how this beautiful drama is unfolding. First we saw the crushing of the head of the serpent, the crushing of the heel of the seed of the woman. Now we see a little bit more of the gospel. So it's all bad news until this point that God now gives them a covering and then God expels them from the Garden of Eden, never to come back to this garden. After this, we will see that downward spiral very quickly.

We've spent a lot of time on the first three chapters of the Bible. Huge amount of time because I believe a lot of seed truths are here, a lot of seed truths of understanding the rest of the Bible, and also how to build your Christian life. The foundation takes a

long time in building most things. Once the foundation is there, the subsequent floors can be built much faster.

So I would suggest the first three chapters you read and know well. The next lesson we're going to go through many chapters like eight chapters in one sweep and after we start going through 30, 40 chapters in one sweep. So please, lay a good foundation for the rest of the beautiful book.

What is the summary of our life? Birth is painful, life is hard, death is certain. We come crying, we labour in the sweat of our brow and our future, bleak, frightening. The redemption story, hopefully will change this very terrible life that men will have on earth. Sorrow on earth is normal. Man's history is basically one of sorrow. And so, thankfully, there is a redemption story.