

E2E: Pt. 7b—Life in the Garden

Genesis 3

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1. Genesis 3 defines for us why the world is the way it is today & helps us understand why there has to be a plan for salvation & a sacrifice for sin.
2. Where God speaks with boundless clarity, Satan seeks to make 'muddy' the very thing God made clear – God is not the author of confusion. (Genesis 3:2, 1 Corinthians 14:33)
3. God did not place the tree in the garden to be seen by 'fallen' creation, but by an unfallen creation, to be revered. It's a symbol of something greater.
4. In the moment Adam & Eve believe something other than God, we are doomed. Our once perfect world became filled with perversion. (Genesis 3:6-7)
5. Sin does not threaten God's sovereignty or His purposes. God is still sovereign.
6. The first curse as a result of the fall was a curse on all the animals; all animals will now decay. They will age, get diseases, and die. (Romans 8:20 -22)
7. Wedged into the 3 curses is the promise that God has a purpose. This is the first prophecy of Jesus' arrival. (Genesis 3:15)
8. The bruising of Jesus' heel takes place at the crucifixion, but the crushing of Satan begins at the crucifixion; death results in the resurrection of Jesus and death is swallowed up in victory! (Hebrews 2:14-15)
9. Jesus arrives on the scene and treats us as though the entire episode never happened and when we recognize who He is and His capacity to restore, He willingly clothes us in permanent righteousness of His own making. (Genesis 3:16-24)

HEBREW WORDS

Zara', (zaw-rah') to sow; to disseminate, plant —bear, conceive seed, posterity

Shuwph (shoof); to gape, snap at; to overwhelm:—break, bruise, cover - crush

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

While God speaks with great clarity and is not the author of confusion, that does not mean we are not at times confused by the things we read in His Word. What parts of the Bible are you unclear about and need help with understanding and/or applying to your life?

What part of Adam & Eve's story in this chapter can you relate to?

Be honest with yourself - Do you have a desire to obey God's clear instructions - even if it makes you uncomfortable?

Can you identify an area in which you are currently having a hard time trusting God's purposes for your life?

Is there a part of your life that you are shutting off from God and keeping away from Him? What are you believing about God that would lead you to do that?