



GENESIS

Study 2: Adam and The Fall of Man

Historical Context

- 1.) What purpose did God give humans in Chapter 1?

Word Study

- 1.) What does Adam mean in Hebrew?

Study Questions

- 1.) Where did God place man? For what purpose? What guidelines did he give within that purpose?
- 2.) God specified two trees that were available to the human. Why do you think God specified these two trees? What do you think this implies about God's intent for man on earth and how can this relate to our choices today?
- 3.) Where was Adam during Eve's deception? How was Eve deceived? What are some takeaways we can apply to our lives from these few verses? (3:1-7)

READ GENESIS 2:4-4:26



Discussion / Self-Reflection

- Genesis 1:28 tells us God commands mankind to “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and dominate the fish of the sea and the birds of the skies and every animal that creeps on the earth.” In this verse, God is clear about his command for us to manage the resources he allotted to us. Think about and define the areas of your life you could better manage.
- A direct translation of Adam is “man” or “mankind”
- Genesis 2:15 states God placed man in the Garden of Eden to work it and to watch over it. Whenever studying scripture, it’s important to do word searches on the verbs because it gives us a better understanding of the text. In this verse, “to work” comes from the transliterated Hebrew word “abad” which means not only to work, but to serve and cultivate. When we look at “to watch over”, this phrase also means to tend to keep and take care of . Throughout the text, God continually stresses management, service, and cultivation.
- Genesis 2:9, tells us God made all sorts of trees in the Garden, yet, He specifically mentioned the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Reading further to Genesis 3:9, we see the tree of life represents eternal life. From the beginning, God gives us a picture of humankind’s battles throughout time. Today, we have the choice to follow God’s will for an eternal prize in Heaven, or give into the world’s deception and live by our own knowledge. Think about areas in your life where the world wants you to go a direction contrary to God’s. Pray the Holy Spirit provides clear direction, peace in the decision, and God’s will for you.
- Genesis 3:6 states Adam was with Eve. Scripture says that the snake was crafty and Eve fell victim to the snake’s wordplay. In verse 4, the snake says “surely you will not die” seemingly to move her further away from God’s command after she already deviated from it in verse 3 by adding to it. This story shows us disobedience to God can be attractive and may even equip us with perceived knowledge (Genesis 3:6) but we must be rooted in God’s word so that we are not waivered by deception. Reflect on events in your life where something external to God’s will may have seemed attractive and you amended God’s word to fit your own desires.