

The Fall (Gen. 3)**Tree of Life: tree's function**

How would they have understood the tree of life without knowing what death meant?

Was there death in animals before the fall?

Does Gen 2:16 imply they could eat of the tree of life? Cf. Gen 3:22; Rev. 22

3 Views of the Tree of Life: Tree's meaning

Magical View

Health Food view

Sacramental view

Tree of the knowledge of good and evil

How would they know what "evil" meant?

Why would God put this tree in the garden?

Choice necessary for moral agents

Choice and love

Does the serpent speak the truth?

Gen 3:5, 22 They do become more like God –what's the problem?

At the point of temptation they gain a knowledge of good and evil (like God)

When they eat they participate in evil going beyond God resulting in their own demise.

Temptation

Gen 3:6 cf. 1 Jn 2:16

- Lust of the flesh
- Lust of eyes
- Pride of life

Man's dilemma... only thing he knows is not good

Results of Fall

God & man: man goes into hiding

From Presence [Immanuel] → Absconditus

Humans & all nature--groans: Rom 8:22

People & self: body --> dust; -- fight against the curse

Man & woman: conflict/blaming

Rest of the Bible is God's redemptive work

Curses

Serpent

Eat dust

2 Seeds: Proto-evangelium Gen 3:15

Woman

3:15 enmity to serpent

3:16 relationship to self – pain

Fighting against the curse

3:16 relationship to husband--Desire

What is the "woman's desire"?

What does Gen 3:16b mean?

Sexual desire?

Desire to be subservient

Gen 4:7 parallel- hermeneutics

Conflict/power struggle in marriage—"desire against your husband" ESV???

Complementarian/egalitarian?

Fight against the curse

Male & Female in Genesis

Woman "help" (ezer) to Adam ...

God is called an "ezer"

Eve named by Adam ... Adam named animals shows he is master

No--shows he recognizes her character

Havah -- mother of all living, the hope

Male and Female in Genesis

Gal 3:28 as model

Eph 5:22 remember Eph 5:21 (context)

Beware power grabbing // victim status

Curse: conflict in marriage—fight against it

Man's curse

Is work a curse?

Futile work

Man's struggle with the dust

Why was Cain's offering rejected

Meat offering versus Cereal offering?

- Shedding of blood = Abel's
- Cain's no blood shed

Cain Question: Am I my brother's keeper?

- Good brother / bad brother phenomena
- Competitive nature -- jealousy
- Sibling rivalry
- Sense of failure -- hatred/anger

Cain's curse – wanderer, absconditus

Jordan Peterson's Youtube Video: Tragedy vs. Evil: Cain and Abel

Flood: Son's of God

Who were the Sons of God? Gen 6

Why did God get so ticked at their marrying the daughters of men, hamas

Sethite view

Kings/nobles view

Angel view

- Job 1:6 // Heb. 13:2
- But Matt 22:30 says angels don't marry

What does it mean God was sorry?

Gen 6:6: "The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain."

Is there grief [tears] in heaven?

Can God be sorry over something he has done?

Can God change his mind?

Noah's curse on... Gen. 9:25f

What did Ham do or fail to do?

Where did Ham's descendants settle?

Was this the curse that enslaved Africans?

Who was actually cursed?

Is it right that children suffer for sins of parents? Is that a reality? Apple and tree