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Restoration of Adam

1.  **A WEDGE HAS BEEN DRIVEN INTO OUR RELATIONSHIPS**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3.1-6
Why two trees?

A talking snake?

The temptation was the more subtle by coming from below not above.

The temptation

Satan subtly depersonalized Eve’s relationship with God.

The vandalism of Shalom

Shalom = wholeness, completeness, fulfillment, well being

Shalom is the way things ought to be.

“Whatever else is true of man, it is certainly true that man is not what he was meant to be.”
- G. K. Chesterton, British essayist

• Our relationship with God is broken
• Our relationship with our closest friend is injured
• Our relationship with ourselves is disordered

“We are told that as soon as we determined to serve ourselves instead of God - as soon as we abandoned living for and enjoying God as our highest good - the entire created world became broken. Human beings are so integral to the fabric of things that when human beings turned from God the entire warp and woof of the world unraveled. Disease, genetic disorders, famine, natural disasters, aging, and death itself are as much the result of sin as are oppression, war, crime, and violence. We have lost God’s shalom - physically, spiritually, socially, psychologically, culturally. Things now fall apart.”
- Dr. Timothy Keller, The Reason for God
2. GOD’S AMAZING RESPONSE

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15.22

- His pursuit

- His prompting

Adam, where are you?
Genesis 3.9

I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I knew I was naked. I was filled with shame and I hid.
Genesis 3.10

Why have you eaten from the tree?
Genesis 3.11

It was the woman YOU gave me.
Genesis 3.12

- His promise

  • Continual Conflict

  And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers.
  Genesis 3.15a

  • Temporary Defeat

  ...you will strike his heel.
  Genesis 3.15c
• Eventual Victory

…he will crush your head…
Genesis 3.15b

☐ His provision

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.
Genesis 3.21

Fig Leaves dirty laundry

3. FAREWELL TO PARADISE

☐ God’s measured judgment

“God here models justice. He did not pronounce judgment until he had carefully investigated the matter and had elicited the facts.”
- Dr. Bruce Waltke

☐ What is cursed and what is consequence?

☐ The significance of Eve

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. Genesis 3.20
I can’t go back.
I can’t stay here.
I must go forward.

☐ The tree is guarded but it is not destroyed.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
Revelation 22.1-2