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"PERILS IN PARADISE"

Genesis 3:1-8

## STUDY OUTLINE

*A Comprehensive "Post Meeting" Study Outline for Week 12*

**Passage:** Genesis 3:1-8

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***Do you know God? or do you know the LORD God?*** The difference has eternal consequences.

**Introduction and Theme:** If Genesis 3 were not in the Bible, there would be no Bible as we know it. Why? Because the rest of Scripture documents the sad consequences of Adam's sin and explains what God in His grace has done to rescue us. By grasping the basic truths of this important chapter, you can better understand Paul's discussion of justification in Romans 5, his teaching in 1 Timothy 2:8-15 about men and women in the church, and his explanation in 1 Corinthians 15 of the future resurrection.

Adam's disobedience brought sin into the human race. The Bible gives us no explanation for the existence of Satan and evil before the fall of man. From Genesis 3 to Revelation 21, the Bible records the conflict between God and Satan, sin and righteousness, and man's need for salvation.

### **Words to define:**

**crafty(NASB), subtle(KJV)(6175):** an adjective meaning crafty, shrewd, sensible. This adjective can have a positive or negative connotation. In a positive connotation, it is understood as being prudent. As such, a prudent individual takes no offense at an insult, does not flaunt his knowledge, takes careful thought of his ways, takes careful thought before action.

When the word has a negative meaning, it means being crafty (Job 5:12; 15:5). This word is used when it describes the serpent in the Garden of Eden. This description is in stark contrast to the situation of Adam and Eve. They sought to be crafty like the serpent, but only realized that they were naked.

**sin(266):** *hamartia*: to miss the mark, swerve from the way. Aberration from the truth, prescribed law or rule of duty . It is use of “sin” as a principle or source of action, or an inward element producing acts (sins). Lack of conformity to the character of God.

### **I. The Enemy. Genesis 3:1a.**

a. Now the serpent was more crafty(subtle)than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. Satan disguised himself (v.1a).

### **II. The Strategy. Genesis 3:1b-5.**

a. Satan questioned God’s Word(v.1b).

b. Eve’s reply(vs.2-3):

1. took from God’s Word; omitted freely(v.2, compare with Gen.2:16-17).

2. added to God’s Word; “you shall not eat from it or touch it”(v.3).

3. changed God’s Word; lest you die, a possibility(v.3, compare 2:17; surely die, an actuality).

Her reply was a serious offense to God’s Word (Deut.4:2,12:32, Prov.30:6, Rev.22:19).

Eve also copied the devil, God vs. LORD God, the God of the covenant.

c. Satan denied God’s Word(v.4). “You surely shall **not** die!

d. Satan exchanges God’s truth for “the lie”. Note singular(v.5).

### **III. The Pattern of Sin. Genesis 3:6.**

a. Lust of the flesh(she saw that the tree was good for food)(v.6a).

b. Lust of the eyes(was a delight to the eyes)(v.6a).

c. Pride of life(was desirable to make one wise)(v.6a).

d. Deception(she took and ate and gave to her husband and he ate) (v.6b).

Sin follows a pattern: desire, doubt, deception, disobedience. Eve was deceived (1Tim.2:14). Adam was responsible(1 Cori. 15:22).

#### **IV. The Tragedy. Genesis 3:7-8.**

- a. They lost their innocence(v.7a).
- b. They were ashamed(v.7b). The first religion.
- c. They were ashamed because they were naked and felt guilty because of what they had done, disobeyed God(v.8). Guilt and fear usually go together which explains why Adam and Eve did not want to enjoy their evening fellowship with the Lord in the Garden.

#### **Conclusion and Application:**

Sin produces shame, guilt, and fear which makes it impossible for man to have fellowship with a Holy, Righteous God. Trying to hide from the Lord is a futile endeavor (Psalm 139:1-2), and yet guilty sinners still attempt the impossible.

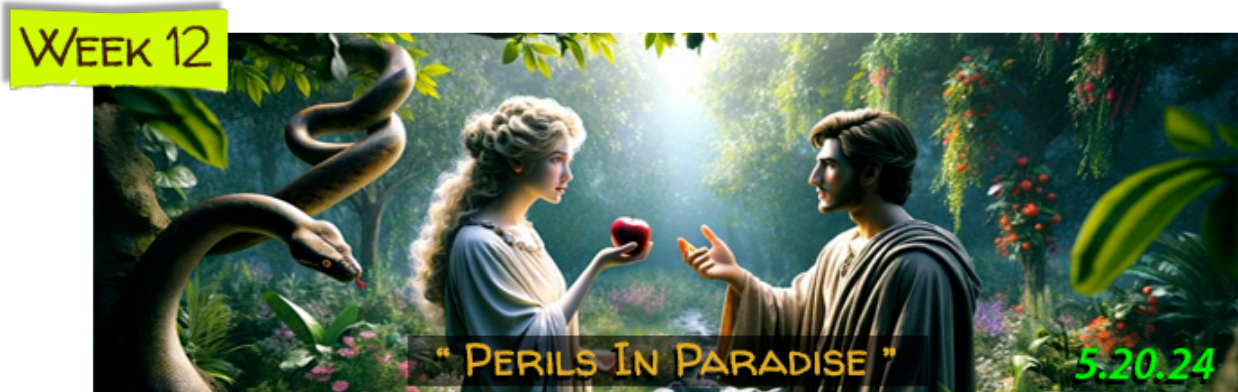


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