

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Transgression in the Garden

Class 11

Homework

Last paragraph of Section called “the spiritual body” – p41 (paragraph on page 46) before chapter title the Formation of Woman.

*Write in your own words.
Bring copy of Elpis Israel,
Listen to last class to review.
Bring note paper.*

Transgression in the Garden

Several classes ago we looked at THE MIND OF THE FLESH vs. THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT, based on Genesis chapter 3. We’d like to go back there tonight to look at what happened and the consequences.

The serpent’s proposition:

Genesis 3:1-5 *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, **hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

- This is the first question in the bible
 - Whenever we hear somebody “questioning” a biblical idea – remember who asked the first question – and remember the consequences!
 - All kinds of things get questioned:
 - The role of Sisters in the ecclesia
 - Head coverings
 - Etc.
- Not only did the serpent cast doubt on what God had said – he put an idea in it’s place
 - What does the serpent suggest?
 - You will not surely die
 - Your eyes shall be opened
 - You shall be as gods knowing good and evil
 - LOOK UP THE WORD Gods [430 = elohim]
- Apostasy is very dangerous
 - Usually “truth mixed with error”
 - Some of what is said is correct – but some is incorrect.

Eve's Response:

Genesis 3:6

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- What two things did Eve do wrong:

1. **Did not believe God (lack of faith)**
2. **Was disobedient to God**

- What does God ask us to do:

1. **Believe God**

Hebrews 11:6

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for **he that cometh to God must believe that he is**, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

2. **Be obedient**

John 15:13-14

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, **if ye do whatsoever I command you**.*

Change in the Garden

So... what was the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

- Was it “knowing right from wrong?”
 - NO – they already knew right from wrong.
- What was the **GOOD**?
 - (v6) the tree *was* **good** for food, and that it *was* **pleasant** to the eyes, and a tree to be **desired** to make *one* wise
- What was the **EVIL**?
 - **Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in **the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die**.
 - “dying thou shalt die”
- Putting this together:
Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Look at the change that took place:

Genesis 3:7

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

- What changed:
 1. **Their Eye's were opened**
 2. **They knew they were naked**
 3. **Based on their knowledge they acted**

Eyes opened – They had understanding of something they didn't know before

Ephesians 1:18 *The **eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

They knew they were naked

- KNEW = heb. YADAH = to know by experience
- They “experienced” their nakedness for the first time – hadn’t realized they were naked before
- Like a little toddler running around – completely clueless
- After a while you wouldn’t do that because “the eyes of your understanding are enlightened”

What else did they do?

- Made clothing from FIG leaves.
- WHY?
 - Next verse answers it – they were ashamed?

Genesis 3:8-10 *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was **afraid**, because I was **naked**; and I **hid** myself.*

- Responses to sin:
 - FEAR
 - SHAME
 - CONCEALMENT

The difference:

- FEAR:
1 John 4:18 *There is no fear in love; **but perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*
- SHAME:
Galatians 3:27 *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*
Revelation 3:18 *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white **raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear**; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*
- CONCEALMENT:
1 John 4:17 *1 Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*
1 Peter 3:21 *The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

Gen 3:15

We will come back and look at the rest of the consequences another week

We want to consider the main verse:

Genesis 3:14-15 *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Two seeds:

- The Serpent's seed
- The Woman's Seed

The SEED of the SERPENT:

- This is the "FLESH" – and all those who are "of the FLESH"
- We all fall under this category to begin with

The WOUND inflicted by the SEED OF THE SERPENT

- This would inflict a TEMPORARY wound on the Seed of the WOMAN

The SEED of the WOMAN

- This is a miracle birth
- Women don't have "Seed"
- God would create this child by a miracle birth:

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**. [God with us]*

2 Samuel 7:14 ***I will be his father**, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

John 1:13-14 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Luke 1:31-35 *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

Wounding the Serpent's Head

- What do we do with our heel?
 - Walk – our daily existence.
 - What would happen if we CRUSHED your heel
 - Temporary Setback
- What goes on in the head?
 - The thoughts
 - If we were to CRUSH your head – what would happen?
 - You'd be done.

CRUSHING THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT

Hebrews 2:14-18 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same**; that **through death** he might **destroy him that had the power of death**, that is, the devil [diabolos]; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Strongs – DEVIL: **1228 diabolos { dee-ab'-ol-os}**

from 1225; TDNT - 2:72,150; adj

AV - devil 35, false accuser 2, slanderer 1; 38

GK - 1333 { διάβολος }

1) prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely

1a) a calumniator, false accuser, slanderer,

[What had SERPENT done – deceive EVE – by telling a LIE – he was a “false accuser”- this is what the flesh is – it deceives us]

*For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. **[What had eve done? Wanted to be equal with the anges]***

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

- THROUGH death he would DESTROY the CAUSE of DECEPTION – the thinking of the flesh.
 - Annihilation of the ROOT CAUSE

Romans 7:11 *For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived** me, and by it **slew** me.*

Romans 7:18-21 *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, **it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.***



- If you want to eliminate **DEATH** you must eliminate **SIN**
 - **Because: “the wages of sin is death” – Romans 6:23**
- To eliminate **SIN** you must eliminate Deception of the Lusts of the Flesh
 - Because: “Every man is tempted when drawn away of his own lust and enticed”–**Jas 1:13**

Jesus Recognized that his “flesh” deserved to die.

- He put it to death on the cross
- He recognized that **FLESH** deserved to die....
- That is why:
 - Hebrews 9:22** *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*
 - Genesis 3:21** *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*