

Genesis 3

Lesson 2 – God as Seen

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A careful reading of this chapter will reveal much about the varied aspects of the true and living God. There are eight significant attributes of God set forth in the twenty four verses of this chapter.

- God as the Creator Genesis 3:1
- Author of His Word Genesis 3:1-3
- Sender of His Voice to Seek Fallen Man Genesis 3:8
- One Who Calls Fallen Man Genesis 3:9
- Pronouncer of Curse Genesis 3:14
- Judge Genesis 3:11
- Provider of a Covering for Sin's Nakedness Genesis 3:21
- Protector of His Holiness Genesis 3:23-24

I. THE CREATOR

Genesis 3:1. *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.* To create... Genesis 1:1. *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* To create is to bring something out of nothing. That is what God did in Genesis 1:1. He brought everything that is visible out of nothing. Simply by the word of His power. If you have ever been in a high school science class room, you have probably seen on the wall the periodic table of elements. Everything in the known universe consists of these elements. Then you turn over in your Bible... to 2 Peter 3:10-12 the Bible says that at the end of all things when God is all finished the heavens and the earth shall melt with fervent heat and **the elements** shall be dissolved.

In Hebrews chapter 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.* What you see is composed entirely of what you cannot see. See also Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:1.

The Bible never speaks of the origin of God, for all originates in God, He is the Alpha, He is the beginning. The existence of anything and everything is proof of God.

II. THE AUTHOR OF HIS WORD

What was the whole problem in the garden? Man was given dominion by God. Satan wanted the dominion. What was the battleground? It was the authority of what God said. Every sin that is ever been committed on the face of this earth was a result of sin entering the world when Eve accepted a **revision** of the word of God. The devil did not imply to Eve that the Bible is not true. Satan suggested that it might not be true. Once Eve took the bait, she offered an amended text. God did not say *"neither shall ye touch it."* Genesis 3:3 She added a little force to the original. That is a euphemism, watered down way of saying something. Don't say damnation... say judgment. Don't say hell... say Hades. Eve said, *"lest ye die.."* God said, *"thou shalt surely die.."* Genesis 2:17. Once Eve began to alter what God said, then Satan could just say, *"Ye shall not surely die."* It was easy for Eve to reject the word once she had set herself above the word.

Every seminary in this country that has gone liberal and now rejects the word of God did not start out that way. They started out correcting, amending and questioning the Bible. Once you set yourself over the word of God it is only a matter of time before you have no further use for it. When the man stands in the pulpit and says, " *this is not translated correctly*"...or says, "In the Greek/Hebrew this actually says..." You better run – those are the same tactics used by the serpent in the tree. God is the author of His word.

III. THE SENDER OF HIS VOICE TO SEEK FALLEN MAN

Genesis 3:8 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. How does a "voice" walk? They heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...

Find three places in your Bible John 1; 1 John 5;7 Revelation 19:11-13. John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Verse 14. 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. The Word became flesh... and dwelt among us. 1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. Who is the Word, we know absolutely that it is Jesus Christ John 1:14. Revelation 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he

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doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God... his name is called The Word of God.

When Jesus showed up in the garden for the first time He was "the voice." The Word of God. John 1:1, (note the capitals, this is a person) the Bible says in Luke 19:10 *The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* Romans 3:11-12 says *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.* Since there is none that seek God, then God will seek man, for He is not willing that any should perish 2 Peter 3:9.

IV. ONE WHO CALLS FALLEN MAN

Almighty God who has formed and fashioned man to replenish the earth so that God once again enjoy fellowship with His creatures...God comes down in the garden to fellowship with the object of His love and affection... He finds them gone. Running, hiding, to escape from the presence of their maker. Seeking to avoid contact with their God; we see the Lord Jesus Christ in verse 9... walking through the trees of the garden... *(Shouting) "Adam! Adam! Where art thou?* God is always seeking fallen man Luke 19:10; John 12:32; Romans 9:24; 1 Corinthians 7:17.

V. THE PRONOUNCER OF CURSES

What if you do not heed His call? He then pronounces the curses. Unto the serpent, cursed. Unto the man, cursed. Unto the woman, cursed. Upon the earth, cursed. God is balanced, He is love 1 John 4:8, He is Just Zechariah 9:9. The holiness of God is not passive. His holiness, of course, is active in His own conduct. Being the ruler of the universe, He must act in relationship to the conduct of others. He must decide not only what is right and wrong, but He must decide WHO is right and WHO is wrong. Then, He must decide what must be done with those who do wrong, and how those who do right shall be rewarded. 1 Peter 1:17; Romans 2:16; Exodus 34:6-8; Ezekiel 18:20. Our Lord is a pronouncer of curses.



VI. THE JUDGE

Deuteronomy 32:39 people always say God is love... God will forgive. God forgives on the basis of repentance and confession. Luke 5:12; 1 John 1:9. This idea of a blanket forgiveness for everybody that hast rejected God, was authored by Satan. Deuteronomy 32:39. *See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*

Do you know what God said? If you are saved, you are safe in the palm of his hand and no one can pluck you out. Do you know what else He said? If you are lost, you are under his wrath John 10:28; John 3:36.

The Bible tells us that for the terror of the Lord we persuade men, that is why we are so steadfast about making sure our friends, neighbors, coworkers and people we meet on the street know Our Lord and have been born again 2 Corinthians 5:11. Because the day will come when God will judge the secrets of men Romans 2:16; Hebrews 9:27. Our Lord is the Judge.

VII. THE PROVIDER OF A COVERING FOR SINS NAKEDNESS

Knowing that man could never rid himself of the ruin of sin; God desired that man be reconciled to Himself. God makes a way of salvation. Genesis 3:15, Genesis 3:21; Genesis 22:8; John 3:16.

Genesis 3:21. *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.* To make coats of skins, you have to kill an innocent animal, shed its blood. It is kind of interesting, the man and woman made aprons. God said that is not acceptable. God made coats. Anywhere you look in the world, the people that do not know God, wear less clothing and desire to reveal more flesh than the people who know God. If verse 9 was the voice that we saw from the New Testament scriptures the voice is the Son Jesus Christ, who then in the Son Jesus Christ? He is the LORD God.

We learn from Genesis chapter 3 that the voice of the LORD God we heard walking in the garden was ... LORD JEHOVAH, the Son of God Isaiah 12:2. God wanted man to be covered and protected. God made a way of salvation through the shedding of innocent blood. This picture is a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus Christ our provider.

VIII. THE PROTECTOR OF HIS HOLINESS

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Notice the sentence does not finish, it just stops right there, it is as if what would follow would be too horrible to even utter. What would have been the result had man entered into eternity in his sinful fallen condition? The tree of life was produced that intimate relationship that man had with God. Now it is broken by sin.

Verse 23. Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. When witnessing, the question seems to always arise, "is there life on other planets?" My answer is NO! Because the Great Physician sees a wound and He is going to contain that wound until it is healed... lest it spread and defile everything. God in His holiness, purity, the sanctity of His courts; the splendor of His throne is such that He cannot and will not allow sin to defile it. He showed that in blocking the way to the tree of life. To this day, the only way a man or woman can ever enter into the presence of God is through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Until that sin is cleansed away by the precious blood of Jesus Christ there is no fellowship for any man or woman with God. There is only one thing in this universe more important than the soul of a man. It is God's Holiness. God will protect and defend His holiness even if it means the breaking of His heart in the banishment of some of is creatures to a lost eternity. God will protect His holiness.

If you will come to the cross at Calvary in response to the call of GOD, GOD will meet you there and the love that HE manifested when HE laid down HIS life and died will cover all your sins.

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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

- 1. Who was the voice walking in the garden?
- 2. What are the eight attributes of God in this chapter?
 - a.
 - b.
 - C.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
 - ĥ.
- 3. Is there life on other planets? Why?
- 4. What do Eve and the modern versions have in common?
- 5. Does God kill?
- 6. Explain John 3:36 in relationship to this Lesson.
- 7. Why did Adam & Eve try to hide after they had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
- 8. What is the significance of the periodic table of elements?
- 9. Explain Colossians 1:16-17.



- 10. Explain the difference.
 - the word
 - the Word
- 11. God is love and He is _____.
- 12. When a preacher says *"the bible is not translated correctly,"* what should you do?
- 13. What does Revelation 19:13 indicate about the condition of the world at the time when Jesus returns?
- 14. Why should Christians be adamant about introducing lost people to our wonderful Saviour?

True/false

- Genesis 3:15 is prophecy of Jesus Christ.
- Genesis 22:8 is prophecy of Jesus Christ.
- God does not want anyone to go to hell.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV) John 10:28; John 1:14.

Any questions?