

A Hill Worth Dying On | Gospel Necessity

Genesis 3:1-21

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I. Review

a. There are some hills worth dying on; however, there are many that aren't. (Titus 3:9-11)

b. God's Word is to have the final word. (Psalm 1)

*Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

—Psalm 1:1-3

II. The Gospel is necessary because sin is a reality. (Genesis 3:1-21)

a. Sin is thinking, acting, and living independent of God. (Gn. 1:1; Isa. 53:6)

*All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way...*

—Isaiah 53:6a

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
—Genesis 1:1

b. We are all born sinners. (Ps. 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Rm. 3:23)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
—Romans 3:23

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
—Psalm 51:5

...sin came into the world through one man...
—Romans 5:12b

c. We're not sinners because we behave sinnfully; we behave sinnfully because we're sinners. (Jer. 17:9)

*The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?*
—Jeremiah 17:9

III. The Fall of Man and the Provision of God (Genesis 3:1-21)

a. We were created to be in relationship with our Creator. (3:8-9)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
—Genesis 3:8

... "Where are you?"
—Genesis 3:9b

b. Sin separates us from God leaving us spiritually dead.
(2:16-17; 3:1-3; Isa. 59:2)

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,

for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

—Genesis 2:16-17

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

—Genesis 3:1

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

—Genesis 3:2-3

but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God...

—Isaiah 59:2a

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

—Genesis 3:4-5

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

—Genesis 3:6

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked...

—Genesis 3:7a

...And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

—Genesis 3:7b

“I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

—Genesis 3:10-12

...The serpent deceived me, and I ate

—Genesis 3:13b

c. God pursued us in our sin making reconciliation possible. (3:9-21)

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

—Genesis 3:15

*And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife
garments of skins and clothed them.*

—Genesis 3:21

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world!*

—John 1:29

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—Romans 6:23

**IV. The reality of sin magnifies the beauty of the Gospel.
(Rom. 6:23)**

Study Questions

1. In your own words, define sin. What specific biblical evidence can you provide to support your definition? This word sin means a lot of

different things to a lot of different people. Take a moment to consider how the world might define this term. How might their definition differ from yours? How might it differ from the Bible's explanation?

1. Sin is not a popular topic of conversation these days; even churches tend to steer clear of talking about it. Why do you think this is true? In other words, why is it so hard for people to embrace the reality of sin? Explain. Read Romans 5:6-11. What do these verses teach us about sin, as well as about God's amazing grace towards sinners? Be specific.
2. Read the biblical account of the fall in Genesis 3:1-13. What does this passage teach us about the nature of temptation? Also, what does it teach us about the devastation of sin's effect? As you wrap up your group, talk about any lesson(s) gleaned from observing Adam and Eve's temptation and sin. What takeaways can you apply to your own personal struggle to trust God and be obedient? Explain.