

Class outline

- Creation of man
- The Fall
- The Promise of God

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Kingdom of Covenants

Creation of man

- The two creation accounts in Genesis 1 and 2 have a different emphasis
 - Genesis looks at creation through the creation of man
- Image of God is linked to dominion in the immediate context (Gen. 1:26-28)
- Genesis 2 shows that man is the pinnacle of creation and everything is created *for* man (Gen. 2:15).
- God himself is a triune, social being, thus, man is a social being (Gen 2:18-20)
- God created *perfect* mankind in a *perfect* environment with a *perfect* partner.
 - **God's original intent:** A perfect man created in the image of God ruling over a perfect world as God's representative.

The Fall

- Tree in and of itself is not bad, rather the act of rebellion against God is.
- Effects of sin: shame (Is. 3:7), fear (3:8-10), broken relationships (3:11-13), estrangement from Creation (3:16-19), spiritual death (3:22-24).
- Sin left mankind spiritual dead, unable to know God or understand/perceive spiritual realities.
- Genesis 3-11 shows the fatal effects of sin on mankind.

The first Promise

- God did not abandon mankind but put into effect a plan to deal with sin, and completely eliminate it and its effects in the world (Gen 3:15, 21, 12:1-3).
 - God reveals his plan progressively in Scripture.
- Promise of "a seed" that would crush the serpent, that is not yet further defined.
- Principle of sacrifice (God kills animal to provide covering) and principle of grace (Man does not die) are exemplified right after the fall.

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to be God's perfect representative for us today?
- Sin has rendered us helpless and completely dependent on God and his plan of restoration. How do we oftentimes try to deal with sin on our own? Can you think of other characters in the Bible who exemplify this?
- Do you think that the principle of sacrifice and the principle of grace are present in the text of Genesis 3? What other explanations are possible?

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