

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Kingdom Lost
(Genesis 3:1-24)

The Model of the Kingdom

GOD'S PEOPLE	Man and Woman
GOD'S PLACE	Garden of Eden on the Earth
GOD'S RULE	God's Direct Word
GOD'S BLESSING	God's presence and provision

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➤ Man's Purpose:

- Not mere passive enjoyment of God's blessings
- Active extension of God's rule to all the earth (*fill, rule, subdue*, guard**)
 - *implies hostility
 - *may infer the presence of evil

Chapter 3 (Overview)

- Evil/hostility is present – no mention of its origin
- Man fails to rule over and subdue but becomes a servant of the creature
- Restoration must include the triumph over the evil one (Gen. 3:15)

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1. The Forbidden Tree

- the objective awareness of good and evil (innocence of man)
- forbidden: acquiring this knowledge independent of God
- this prohibition was for man's good

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2. The Nature of the Temptation

- A. Questioning the character of God
- doubting His goodness – too restrictive, withholds what is beneficial
 - denial of God's word – substituting their own understanding

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2. The Nature of the Temptation

B. Making sin appear appealing

- half-truths that conceal the real consequences of sin
- painting sin as a path to freedom

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3. The Nature of their Sin

- **Act of independence from God**
 - not content with God's provision, but desiring more apart from God
 - a desire to determine for themselves what is good and evil (i.e. "like God")
 - resulted in a feeling of shame and exposure

Conclusion

Lessons:

*"There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death."
– Proverbs 14:12*

*"For this is the love of God, that we keep His
commandments; and His commandments are
not burdensome."*

– 1 John 5:3