Genesis 3

Isaiah 59

Hebrews 2

God created the earth and all that is in it so that Adam and Eve can have all that they need to live on earth. Of all God’s creation, man was the most important for God because man was created after God’s own image. This means that God’s attributes, God’s characteristics, are in man. To name a few:

God is eternal hence man was created to have eternal soul.

Man was created after God’s holiness, righteousness and knowledge.

God put Adam in the garden of Eden for him to take care of it. God gave Adam a very specific and important instruction/command in Gen 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; “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.”

Gen 3: Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

Serpent said to the woman “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?” (satan twisted, manipulated and confused Eve)

Eve said to the serpent We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” (Eve did not follow God’s commandment specifically, confused, add words to God’s commandment)

Serpent said to the woman “You will not surely die. “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. (satan contradicted God’s command, lied and gave false information)

ADAM AND EVE COMMITTED SIN

Gen 3:6 So the woman saw that the tree was good for good, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Eve was tempted by satan to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil so Eve can be like God. Satan wants to be like God and he wants to ruin Adam and Eve to sin with him. Eve gave the fruit to Adam. Both Adam and Eve did not obey God’s command.

ADAM AND EVE REALIZED THEIR NAKEDNESS, THEY HAVE GUILT AND SHAME

Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

ADAM AND EVE HIDE FROM GOD

Gen 3:8 And they heard the sound 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 among the trees of the garden.

When Adam and Eve have fallen to sin, they no longer have the open fellowship with God, they have guilt and shame for what they have done, hence they hide from God.

ADAM AND EVE LOST THEIR STATUS/POSITION: HAMARTIA, MISS THE TARGET

Gen 3:9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

It was not that God doesn’t know where Adam and Eve were in the garden. God is all knowing. God is saying where is Adam and Eve, their position/status. It had shifted. Adam and Eve were created under the care and fellowship with God. They were given the free will: to obey or not obey God’s command. Meaning they can sin or not sin. But Adam and Eve distrusted God and wanted to be like God. They wanted to have their eyes open, wanted to have the knowledge of good and evil. God is the creator and provider for Adam and Eve. How can God be lacking in giving what they need. God’s command must be followed. God will give Adam and Eve the knowledge according to His will and His time.

ADAM BLAME GOD AND EVE, EVE BLAME SATAN

Gen 3:12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate.”

Gen 3:13 And the Lord said to the woman, “What is this you have done?’ The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

This is sin where both Adam and Eve started to blame one another, not accountable for their action.

GOD’S WRATH/ANGER AND PUNISHMENT TOWARDS SATAN, EVE/ADAM

Gen 3:14-15 God’s punishment to satan

Gen 3:16 God’s punishment to Eve

Gen 3:17-19 God’s punishment to Adam.

GOD PREPARED A COVERING FOR THEIR SIN, JESUS CHRIST ATONE FOR MAN’S SIN

Gen 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin and clothed them.

Adam and Eve’s sin need atonement. Jesus’ death on the cross was the atonement for the sin of all mankind. Without Jesus’ atonement, man will have face God’s judgment and punishment of eternal death of their soul. They will eternally suffer and be separated from God. If Jesus’ righteous blood have atone from all of man’s sin, then this justify and appease God’s anger and wrath towards sin of man.

God is holy and righteous and cannot yoke with sin.

FALLEN MAN’S SIN RESULTED IN MAN’S BODILY DEATH, THIS THE RESULT OF EATING FROM THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. HENCE MAN CANNOT BE GIVEN ETERNAL BODY, THAT WAS WHY THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THE GARDEN, AWAY FROM THE TREE OF LIFE.

Gen 3:22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever”

Gen 3:23 God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden and guard it so they cannot find their way to the tree of life.

Adam and Eve have eaten from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and have fallen to sin. If they eat from the tree of life their physical body will go rotten but cannot die.

SUMMARY:

God provided Adam all that he needed from the earth and God entrusted Adam to tend and keep the earth.

God gave Adam a specific and important instruction/commandment.

God gave Adam a companion, a woman called Eve.

Satan who is most cunning tempted Eve. who is the weaker of the person. Satan twisted, manipulated, and confused Eve.

Eve did not know God’s commandment by heart in detail. Eve did not trust God. Eve want to be like God to know good and evil.

Satan lied and gave false information to Eve.

Eve tempted Adam to disobey by giving the fruit. Adam did not trust God hence he disobey and disregard God’s commandment/instruction. Both Adam and Eve sin because they did not trust God and disobey His commandment/instruction. Sin entered to all mankind. Adam and Eve are the representative of all mankind who have fallen into sin.

Adam and Eve knew they were naked hence they sewed fig leaves to cover themselves. Adam and Eve They hid themselves from the presence of God.

Adam and Eve miss the target of what their status should be: without sin, fellowship with God and eternal life with God.

Adam and Eve after they sin, spiritually they are dead meaning they are not able to respond and have fellowship with God, separated from God. They will have temporal, bodily death and if they remain sinful and there is no redemption or forgiveness of their sin, they will have eternal death.

The world will always be a war between good and evil, God’s people and satan.

God had already told in Gen 3:14-15 that satan will be eternally punished and face his doom.

But in Gen 3:21, God Himself will prepare atonement, sacrifice through His Son Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for man’s sin. This is God’s way of salvation, to make right, man’s sin so man can again become God’s people and have eternal life.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM TODAY’S LESSON:

COGNITIVE:

1. ALL SINFUL BEHAVIOR BEGINS WITH FAILURE TO TRUST GOD. ADAM AND EVE FELL INTO TEMPTATION BECAUSE THEY DISTRUST GOD, WANT TO BE LIKE GOD.
2. SIN AFFECTED OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD, OTHERS & CREATION.
3. LORD JESUS IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO OUR SIN.

AFFECTIVE:

1. GOD BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE HAD TO SEND HIS SON LORD JESUS TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS.

PSYCHOMOTORIC:

1 JOHN 2:3-4 BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. THE ONE WHO SAYS, “I HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM,” AND DOES NOT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, IS A LIAR AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM

JESUS COMMANDMENT WAS US TO GO PREACH THE GOSPEL, MAKING DISCIPLES AND BAPTISING THEM. IT WAS FOR US TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS THAT ATONE FOR MAN’S SIN AND THE ONLY WAY FOR SALVATION OF ALL MANKIND. WE NEED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

Cross Reference with Isaiah 59 and Hebrews 2 for additional lesson:

Isaiah 59

V2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you

V 3-4 lies, perversity, no justice, no truth, empty words, lies, conceive evil

V6 works of iniquities, violence

V7 evil way, innocent blood shed, iniquity thoughts, wasting/destruction

V8 no justice, crooked path, no peace

V16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him

V18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay. God took upon Himself our debt, our debt of sin/bondage.

Jesus the redeemer, God gave a covenant: His Holy Spirit and His Word

V20 Redeemer of Zion will come.

Isaiah 59:21 “As for Me,” says the Lord, “this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the Lord, “from this time and forevermore.”

Heb 2: Pay attention to the salvation given to us because there will be judgment. Son of Man, Lord Jesus incarnated as a man hence said lower than the angels, suffered death on the cross, yet crowned with glory and honor. All things visible in the world and invisible in the heavens are all subject to Lord Jesus.

V10 God’s plan to bring salvation to many sons “God’s chosen people”. Jesus is the perfect author of their salvation. Jesus and God’s chosen people are one Father, hence He called them brethren.

V14 Because we have flesh and blood and satan has the power of death, order for Jesus to defeat death, He came in the flesh. He died not for His sins but to bear the sins of man on the cross. He died but raised from the dead, hence he defeated death. Jesus became like the high priest who is faithful and merciful in that He did not come to God the Father with offerings but Himself became the offering, to propitiate for the sins of the people. Jesus was tempted but He overcame so He can help us who are tempted as well.