

“On the Way” 365 Bible Reading Plan

Genesis 3

Genesis three opens with the most cunning of all the creatures that God had made, the serpent. The serpent, possessed by Satan, is engaging the woman Eve, about God and God’s good intentions toward the man and woman. Eve listened to the seductive words of the deceiver and gave in to his temptation and sinned before God. As is the nature of those who sin, they want to engage others also, so the woman took the “forbidden fruit” to her husband, Adam, and He ate as well.

Immediately everything changed in their lives and in all the creation God had made. The man and woman had a sense of shame and guilt and tried to cover it up by dressing themselves and hiding from God, which is impossible. God had told Adam and Eve that if they ate of the forbidden fruit tree they would die. They ate and they died. They died (Adam and Eve were immediately separated from God spiritually...they were trying to hide themselves from Him) immediately in their spirit; but God had mercy and they did not die physically until much time had passed. God in his great mercy, killed an innocent animal, in all probability a lamb, in front of Adam and Eve, so they could realize the truth of what God had said about death. Death came, but to a substitute instead of them.

Later in the conversation, He made a promise that one day a person would be born through the woman who would defeat Satan once and forever and would crush Satan’s head. However, in the process of crushing Satan, the heel of the Savior would be crushed; great pain would come to the deliverer of the human family. This was the first time there was a promise of a coming Savior. Theologians call this, the “proto-evangelion” or the “Gospel before the Gospel.”

Prayer and Action Steps:

Thank God for this first promise of a Savior who would crush Satan’s head and defeat him forever. That Savior has come, and His name is Jesus, or Yeshua. When He came, He came through a virgin’s womb; His father was God himself. He had an earthly mother, but a heavenly Father; just like God was the Father of Adam, so He was the Father of Jesus. Jesus never sinned and always pleased God, what Adam did not do. Jesus did not sin, so He would never have to die (for the wages of sin is death) but He chose to die and pay the penalty for our sin, so we would not have to die. He was our substitute as the lamb was only a shadow or type of Jesus, the lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world (See John 1:29). Ask God for an opportunity to share the wonderful message of this salvation story of Jesus with someone today.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

