

Genesis 3.14 - 4.1

"Grace and Faith"

As it Was in the Beginning > FIRST Truths from GOD to His CHILDREN

Begins GREAT DRAMA of God's SALVATION in HUMAN HISTORY

ANCIENT Message /MODERN Applic: TIMELESS Words of ETERNAL God

FRANCE protest work 2 More Years!, Made to Work, Gift

US Military – God made MEN & WOMEN Sexual Behavior is their CHOICE

INDIA Caste System – No DEGREES of HUMANITY – All in God's Image

TRUTHS > PRIMACY of GOD - SANCTITY of LIFE — VALUE of WORK

DIGNITY > Man & Woman CREATED in IMAGE of God – Unique Creatures

DEPRAVITY > CHOICE to REJECT God and REBEL against Law & Lordship

The SAME SIN-TAINTED Blood of ADAM Runs thru ALL our VEINS

v. 20 STRANGE Vs – “Adam named his wife Eve” / OUT OF PLACE HERE??

1<sup>st</sup> RESPONSE TO GOD'S JUDGMENT – on Man, Woman, and Creation?!

WHY? – in Most Severe Words of Judgment / HEARD WORD OF HOPE

WORDS OF CURSING THE SERPENT / Ancient Serpent / Devil / Satan

v. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

God NOT Scolding a SERPENT > SENTENCING SATAN HIMSELF

MOST HUMILIATING MOMENT IN SATAN'S EXISTENCE – SHAMED!

Don't KNOW if GEIKO GECKO can BLUSH – But Satan LOST FACE Here

CONDEMNATION PROMISED BY THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH

### 1. Reason for Faith > Promise of Enmity

ENMITY 1st time word occurs in Bible, BUT NOT 1st time we have SEEN IT

MEANING – “ill will, mutual antagonism, hatred”

SEEN IT – Man’s ENMITY toward God and His Commands – Eating Fruit

Man’s ENMITY toward his wife / BLAME GAME – blamed wife, blamed God

v. 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

NEW ASPECT – Not Hatred of Serpent for Woman / Seen in His Temptation

NEW – **Woman will hate Serpent** – NO LONGER OBEY LYING WORDS

TODAY – Seen in GLOBAL AVERSION to SNAKES > Also CURIOSITY

Walked in Beautiful Garden in Cape Town on Monday – Snake Crossed Path

All who saw JUMPED and CRIED out in FEAR > SNAKE!!! Then Ran to Look

HOW CAN HATRED BE GOOD? From God, Good Purpose is Designed thrU It

SATAN HAD 2 GOALS IN THE TEMPTATION

1) Turn Mankind away from God 2) Receive Worship & Devotion of Mankind

SUCCEEDS Goal # 1 – Broken Fellowship/ Hiding in Trees/Wearing Fig Leaves

FAILED IN GOAL # 2 – v. 15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman”

Notice GOD DOES NOT COMMAND MAN TO HATE THE SERPENT

Useless Command / Man is NOT ABLE / No Power to Obey such a Command

GOD MUST DO IT “I will put enmity”/ Man RESPONSIBLE, but NOT ABLE

GOD WILL PUT THIS ENMITY INTO PLACE BY HIS OWN POWER

a. Choices become Cheerless

(Moses)chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. Hebrews 11.25

THERE IS PLEASURE IN SIN – BUT SHORT LIVED – OPINION CHANGES

...like the addict destroying himself in the dreamlike stupor of debilitating drugs or alcohol. We would like to go to hell happy. But it is one aspect of grace that God does not allow this to happen. God makes sin miserable and sets up an antagonism between ourselves and Satan which modifies the hold of sin and makes it possible for us to hear God’s loving voice, even in our misery. James Boice

b. Conflict Against the Church v. 15 “between your offspring and hers”

MEANING? “offspring of the serpent”? / Little Demon’s?

NOT LIKELY – Satan did not have a Mrs. Satan & produce Junior Lucifer’s

DEMONS CREATED ONCE – BY GOD – BEFORE THEIR FALL INTO SIN

MORE LIKELY – Followers of God hated by Followers of Satan / Context

Ch. 4 – Followers of Satan, Cain’s kids 4.16 “went out from the Lord’s presence”

Ch 5 – Seth’s kids of 4.26 “men began to call on the name of the Lord”

Ch 6 – Basis of FLOOD – Corruption of ALL Righteous – Lines MERGE

“offspring of the serpent” / Jesus told Pharisees: “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire” John 8.44

This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God 1 John 3.10

ENMITY BETWEEN OFFSPRING / World hates the Church, People of God

Began w/ Israel – Slavery in Egypt – Captivity in Babylon – Colonized by Rome

Church/ New Covenant Israel of God led by CRUCIFIED MASTER/ Lord Jesus

Jesus: “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”  
John 15.18, 19

Story of CHURCH HISTORY / Story of CONFLICT > UP to Lausanne 2010

STRUGGLE THAT BELIEVERS WILL WIN: “In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16.13

c. Cross of Christ v. 15 “he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

PROTOEVANGELION/ 1<sup>st</sup> Promise of Gospel / 1<sup>st</sup> Announcement of Salvation

BIBLE PRESENTS INCREASINGLY CLEARER FOCUS ON COMING of X

To Abe “all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” Genesis 12.3 // Jesus

God to Moses “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him” Deuteronomy 18.18

To David - “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me, your throne will be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7.16

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4,5

BRUISING Heel > Hatred of Religious Leaders, Mocking of Crowds, Government Injustice and Brutality, Agony of Crucifixion/ ONLY A BRUISING

**Bruising followed by RESURRECTION! Cross of Christ is EMPTY NOW!**

**HISTORY was Written by WINNER**

**CRUSHING of Satan’s Head - Enters Strong Man’s House and TIES HIM UP**

having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; GOD took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross Colossians 2.15

The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray...Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. Revelation 12:9-10

**WE PARTICIPATE IN FINAL VICTORY: The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20**

Satan is the greatest blockhead the world has ever known...The very fact that he is probably the most intelligent being ever created makes him the greatest blockhead, for he was supremely stupid to suppose that he could outthink the All-wise or over-power the Almighty. John Gerstner

## 2. Result of Faith

Word FAITH NOT yet USED in BIBLE / 1<sup>st</sup> Use: Abraham believed God and it was credited it to him as righteousness  
Genesis 15.6

WORD NOT USED IN Ch. 3 / but 3.20 FIRST ACT OF SAVING FAITH  
“Adam believed God and it was credited it to him as righteousness” /

2 SIGNS of FAITH HERE:

a. God Clothes / THEY HAD TRIED IN VAIN TO CLOTHE THEMSELVES

v. 7 they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

GOD HAD A BETTER PLAN: v. 21 LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

HE gives A COVERING FAR SUPERIOR TO WHAT WE COULD EVER DO

all our righteous acts are like filthy rags  
Isaiah 64:6

COVERING WE MAKE FOR OURSELVES IS Wholly INADEQUATE

"I used to be a drunkard, I quit and I have a good job" / *God says "Fig leaves"*

"I give every year to Charity" / *God says "Fig leaves"*

"I read my Bible every day, go to church every Sunday, and always say hello to person in chair next to me" / *"Fig leaves" "Fig leaves" "Fig leaves" God says.*

GOD Alone can COVER – Our SHAMEFUL REALITY – They did NOTHING

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.  
Titus 3.5

IN ORDER TO CLOTHE THEM WITH SKINS / SOMETHING HAD TO DIE

FIRST DEATH ON EARTH- 2 Lifeless Animals, their Blood Spilled

We have been created by the Eternal God, we possess a never-dying soul; why, then, should not men continue to live on this earth forever? Why should there be such things as decay and destruction? Why should man die? Science can furnish no answer to these questions, and philosophy offers no explanation. Again we are shut up to the Word of God. Death is the wages of sin, and death is universal because sin is universal.

A.W. Pink

ADAM & EVE SAW 1) Horror of Death / even death of an animal is shocking  
COULD ONLY FEARFULLY WONDER ABOUT THEIR OWN DESTINY

Mosaic Law > WORSHIPPER Themselves KILLED Sacrificed Animal

Then TAKE CARCASS to PRIEST for TEMPLE RITUALS

2) Mercy of God/ They Sinned, Yet they Lived! GOD REVEALED His GRACE  
SUBSTITUTIONARY PRINCIPLE - One Dies on Behalf of Another

...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness Hebrews 9:22

TYPE OF ANIMAL? DOES NOT SAY - PERHAPS A LAMB!?!

1 ANIMAL HAD TO DIE FOR A SINGLE PERSON / 1 for Adam, 1 for Eve

ABRAHAM - 1 FOR HIS FAMILY

TIME OF MOSES – 1 FOR THE NATION

John points to Jesus saying: "Behold! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

b. God Keeps / Keeps man from the Tree of Life / IS THIS A BLESSING?

LITTLE BOY DREW PICTURE OF MAN AND WOMAN SITTING IN BACK  
SEAT OF CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN CONVERTIBLE –

Called Picture > "God driving Adam & Eve out of Eden"

TO TASTE THAT FRUIT WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEM ETERNAL LIFE

OPINION of This DEPENDS on HOW YOUNG and HEALTHY You ARE

IS LIFE as we KNOW IT GOOD? or has it PROVEN Less than EXPECTED?

Joseph brought his father Jacob in and presented him before Pharaoh. After Jacob blessed Pharaoh, Pharaoh asked him, "How old are you?" And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers."  
Genesis 47.7-9

My GET UP and GO – GOT UP AND WENT – Long Ago – SEARCHING!

17 yr old NEW Believer > Moses WORLD VIEW bit HARSH – Not NOW!

Moses: "All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years-- or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away."  
Psalm 90.9,10

It would have been disastrous if the man had, by eating the tree of life, become immortal in his sinful state, and so, to prevent the catastrophe, God drove him from the garden.  
W.H. Griffith-Thomas

Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.  
Isaiah 59.2

ACT OF GRACE TO NOT ALLOW THEM TO DO SO

THEY MUST NOT LIVE FOREVER IN THEIR FALLEN STATE

DEATH - FINAL EFFECTS OF SIN REMOVED - MADE ALL NEW

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Corinthians 5:1

WHO WANTS TO LIVE FOREVER IN THIS DECAYING BODY OF SIN??

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.  
Revelation 2:7

BEGINNING Ch 3: SATAN was PRODUCE SALESMAN/ Fruits & Vegetables

GOD TAKES THAT BUSINESS AWAY FROM HIM

LORD GOD REGAINED RIGHTS TO THE PRODUCE INDUSTRY

Fruit of Righteousness / Fruit of the Spirit / Fruit that Will Last

In MIDST OF NEW JERUSALEM - tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.  
Revelation 22:2

NOT ONE Time Eating – Continuous FELLOWSHIP with God - ABIDING  
Satan trying New Business: Fear of Death/ NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL EITHER  
GOD SENT JESUS TO TAKE CARE OF THAT BUSINESS

JESUS shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.  
Hebrews 2.14

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Corinthians 15.55

CONFIDENCE unto DEATH/ FINAL STEP of Salvation / GLORIFICATION

Jesus: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."  
John 5:24

CERTAINTY THAT GOD WILL FINISH HIS WORK IN US

...those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.  
Romans 8:30

### 3. Response of Faith

a. Name of Hope v. 20 “she would become the MOTHER of ALL the Living”

PHYSICAL DEATH IS NOT IMMEDIATE

His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
Lamentations 3.22,23

VERY FACT THEY WOKE UP THE NEXT MORNING WAS MERCY

SINCE THE FALL - MANKIND BEEN LIVING ON BORROWED TIME

v. 15 offspring WORD OF HOPE IN THE MIDST OF GOD'S CURSE

NAMED EVE BY FAITH - SHE HAD NOT EVEN CONCEIVED YET

NOT YET NAMED 1.27 "female" 2.18 "helper" 3.2 "the woman"

HAD A NAME And when they were created, he called them "man."/Adam  
Genesis 5:2

5.2 MRS. EVE ADAM / SHE TOOK HER HUSBAND'S NAME

CONTRA FEMINIST MOVEMENT - WIFE'S IDENTITY IS IN HUSBAND

Current US Secretary of State addresses FOREIGN Press they ASK HER,

“What does YOUR HUSBAND think about THIS ISSUE?”

BIBLICAL STRUCTURE: Marriage creates 2 INTER-Dependent People = ONE  
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Mrs. Eve Adam / OR CALL HER “Mom” / Name of NEW HOPE

FAITH seen by Deeds 4:1 Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant

FAITH TO BRING CHILD INTO THIS FALLEN WORLD / God’s World

HOPED – 1<sup>st</sup> Son would FULFILL 3.15 / Cain > How Much we Need Promise

b. Privilege of Worship / Garden Closed but Door of Grace Remained Open

v. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

GOD ALLOWED THEM to WORSHIP HIM - SYMBOLIZED by CHERUBIM

The LORD reigns...he sits enthroned between the cherubim Psalm 99:1

GOD MET HIS PEOPLE BETWEEN CHERUBIM IN THE TABERNACLE

There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the

Testimony, I will meet with you

Exodus 25:22

NEVER ENTER EDEN / EVEN AT ITS BOUNDARIES GOD WAS PRESENT

FAMOUS ARTIST IN ENGLAND DURING 1800's - Sir Edward Burne-Jones

VISITS DAUGHTERS HOME for TEA, Sees BELOVED GRANDAUGHTER

SHE WAS PUNISHED AND MADE TO STAND IN CORNER  
 LIKE GOOD GRANDFATHER HE SAT IN SILENT PAIN  
 CAME TO HOUSE NEXT DAY WITH PAINTS AND BRUSHES  
 WENT TO CORNER TO PAINT PICTURES FOR GRANDDAUGHTER

- kitten chasing its tail, lambs in a field, goldfish swimming

PICTURES FILLED WALL ON BOTH SIDES OF CORNER

NEXT TIME SHE STOOD IN CORNER, SOMETHING TO LOOK AT

GOD GIVE JOY AND HOPE IN THE MIDST OF THE CURSE - WORSHIP  
 WE'RE given GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN - HERE ON SIN-CURSED EARTH  
 WONDER OF WORSHIP / God seeks us to worship Him / Privilege of Grace  
 WHAT BLESSING TO HAVE SUCH GREAT WORSHIP LEADERS at BICF  
 PICTURE OF UNDESERVED MERCY FROM GOD  
 TO GET MERCY WHEN YOU DESERVE WRATH - ESSENCE OF GRACE  
 GREATEST REVELATION OF GLORY OF CHRIST - ON THE CROSS

Jesus: "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. John 12:31-33

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 13.7

Because SHEPHERD was SMITTEN the SHEEP will be SPARED

ORDER OF SALVATION PICTURED HERE IN GENESIS 3

WAY IN WHICH GOD WORKS IN OUR LIVES TO REDEEM US

1. Conviction of Sin - guilt and shame - hiding and covering
2. Pronouncement of God's Judgment - pain, toil, death
3. Expression of Faith - naming of Eve
4. Justification - God graciously covering them

“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me”

WRETCH – unusual word to describe a Chaplain to the Queen of England

HIGHLY RESPECTED ANGLICAN PASTOR – John Newton

NEWTON – raised in a Christian home until parents died at age 7

Sent to Live with Unbelievers – Christianity was Mocked, He was Persecuted  
 Joined the British Navy for One Purpose *“that I might sin to my fill”*

Africa: Employee Portuguese slave trader / Trader’s African wife Head of Harem  
 She HATED MEN so MUCH – threw Newton’s food on ground: Eat like Dog

RAN AWAY – found place on a Slave Ship – became ship’s mate  
 BROKE INTO RUM CABINET – so drunk he fell overboard – Almost Drowned

SAVED BY Harpoon thrust into His Thigh / Left fist sized Scar for Life

END OF VOYAGE – off coast of Scotland – Heavy Winds / Ship began to Sink

ON THE VERGE OF MISERABLE DEATH / remembered Gospel of his Youth

Became a great Teacher of the Word of God / Author of Hymn “Amazing Grace”

ANOTHER GREAT NEWTON HYMN

“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.” John Newton

## Genesis 3

14. So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." 16. To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

17. To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

18. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." 20. Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. 21. The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22. And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23. So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

## Genesis 4

1. Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."