

Man

Homework Assignment

1. Read **Genesis 3:1-24**
2. Read **Romans 5:1-21**

Lesson Outline

I. The First State of Man

i. God's Creation

1. **Genesis 1:26** – In God's image and likeness
2. **Genesis 2:7** – A living soul
3. **Genesis 1:26** – With dominion over every living creature
4. **Genesis 1:31** – Very Good

ii. God's Image

1. Man is a rational being
 - a. animals possess instinct – “a propensity prior to experience and independent of instruction.” Also, “it is a blind, unreasoning impulse, that prompts animal to do certain things without knowing why or caring to improve the manner of doing them.”
 - b. **II Timothy 3:7** – man can rise higher and higher on the scale of intellectual excellence
 - c. **James 3:9** – in this attribute similar to God
 - d. rational implies accountable
2. Man is a spiritual being
 - a. **Genesis 2:7** – made with an eternal soul
 - b. **Ecclesiastes 3:21** – different than animals
 - c. God referred to as “Father of Spirits”
3. Man created in God's moral image
 - a. **Ecclesiastes 7:29** – holy, upright
 - b. Garden of Eden complemented their purity, how beautiful would life had been had they not sinned

II. The Fall of Man

i. **Genesis 2:15-17** - The one commandment

1. Adam's obedience – an unknown time period
2. Man given the freedom and opportunity to disobey
3. knowledge of good and evil – a sin
4. Conjecture: what if Adam had not disobeyed?

ii. **Genesis 3:1-6** – The transgression

1. Serpent
 - a. not Satan, but used by Satan

- b. subtil – elusive, cunning, crafty
- c. possibly dinosaurs?
- 2. Temptation
 - a. “Ye shall not surely die.....” – a lie
 - b. “...ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” – a truth
 - c. lust grew to disobedience
 - i. good for food
 - ii. pleasant to the eyes
 - iii. make one wise
- 3. Sin
 - a. **I Timothy 2:14** – “she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat.”
 - b. Eve deceived, but not Adam
 - c. **Genesis 3:12** – Adam blamed God
 - d. **Romans 5:12, I Corinthians 15:22** – Adam, not Eve, brought sin upon all his descendants
- 4. Penalty
 - a. “for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”
 - i. spiritual death immediately
 - ii. physical death began
 - b. serpent
 - i. cursed above all cattle and beast
 - ii. delegated to crawling on its belly
 - iii. woman’s seed to bruise its head
 - c. woman
 - i. greatly multiply her sorrow through child bearing
 - ii. in subjection to husband
 - d. man
 - i. ground cursed
 - ii. work for our food which is taken from the ground in sorrow
 - e. driven from “Eden”
 - i. to prevent access to tree of life
 - ii. to till the ground

III. Man’s Present State

- i. Unity of mankind
 - 1. **Acts 17:26** – one blood
 - 2. Every person in every nation has descended from Adam and Eve
 - 3. **Genesis 1:28** – “be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth”
 - 4. **Genesis 3:20** – “and Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.”

- ii. Adam represented the human race
 - 1. **Romans 5:12-19** – by one man sin entered the world
 - 2. **Genesis 3:19** – Adam represented us in the curse
 - a. eat bread in sweat of the face
 - b. unto dust shalt thou return
- iii. Mankind's condition
 - 1. **Romans 5:12** – “death passed upon all men”
 - a. because Adam sinned
 - b. because we sinned
 - 2. **Romans 5:19** – “many were made sinners”
 - 3. **Ephesians 2:1-3** – “by nature the children of wrath”
 - 4. depraved and condemned
 - 5. **Psalms 14:2-3** – “none that doeth good”