



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, help me to have the attitude of a team player! I want to be of benefit to my organization or place of employment and my church. I ask You to help me recognize opportunities where I can serve; then help me serve in these positions with all my heart. Help me to have the initiative to pitch in and become a helper to the rest of the team rather than to sit on the sidelines and watch everyone else work. I never want to think I'm so high and mighty that I can't do a menial, mundane task. Holy Spirit, help me to have the attitude of Jesus and to be willing to stoop low and do whatever is necessary in order to get the job done, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

Genesis

Genesis 3:1-24 (AMP)

1 NOW THE serpent was more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden, 3 Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apron like girdles. 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. 9 But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you? 10 He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me—she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate. 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled (cheated, outwitted, and deceived) me, and I ate. 14 And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all [domestic] animals and above every [wild] living thing of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust [and what it contains] all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel. 16 To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your grief and your suffering in pregnancy and the pangs of childbearing; with spasms of distress you will bring forth children. Yet your desire and craving will be for your husband, and he will rule over you. 17 And to Adam He said, Because you have listened and given heed to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it, the ground is under a curse because of you; in sorrow and toil shall you eat [of the fruits] of it all the days of your life. 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return. 20 The man called his wife's name Eve [life spring], because she was the mother of all the living. 21 For Adam also and for his wife the Lord God made long coats (tunics) of skins and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us [the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit], to know [how to distinguish between] good and evil and blessing and calamity; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever— 23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So [God] drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep and guard the way to the tree of life.

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Genesis 3. The Fall of Man...It was effected through the subtlety of the serpent. The serpent is represented as speaking itself. But later Scripture indicates that it was Satan speaking through the serpent (2 Corinthians 11:3 , 14 ; Revelation 12:9 ; 20:2). He managed to get Adam and Eve to disobey their Creator. The dreadful work was done. And the pall of sin and pain and death fell on a world that God had made beautiful and had pronounced good.

Why Did God Make Humans So That They Could Sin?... Is there any other way He could have made them? Could there be a moral creature without the power to choose? Freedom is God's gift to humanity: freedom to think, freedom of conscience—even freedom to disobey God. In a train wreck, the engineer, who could have saved his life by jumping, stuck to his post and thereby saved the passengers, but lost his own life. They erected a monument, not to the train—it did only what its machinery forced it to do—but to the engineer, who, of his own volition, chose to give his life to save the passengers. What virtue is there in obeying God if in our nature there is no inclination to do otherwise? But if, of our own choice, and against the steady urge of our nature, we obey God, we find our true humanity.

But Did Not God Foreknow That Man Would Sin?... Yes—and He foreknew the fearful consequences. He also foreknew the ultimate outcome. We suffer, and we wonder why God has made such a world. But one day, after all has come to its final destination, our suffering will be over, and our questions will cease, and with the redeemed of all ages we will join in never-ending hallelujahs of praise to God for creating us as He did, and for leading us on to life, joy, and glory in the endless ages of eternity (Revelation 19:1–8).

The Effect of Sin on Nature;...Here, in the opening pages of the Bible, we have a primeval explanation of nature as it is today: on a mundane level, a common hatred of snakes (Genesis 3:14–15); pain in childbirth (v. 15); and the earth's spontaneous production of useless weeds, while food-bearing vegetation has to be cultivated (vv. 17–19). But there are also foreshadowings of Christ in the offspring of the woman (v. 15) and in sacrifice and atonement (4:4).

The offspring of the woman (3:15). Here, immediately after the fall of man, is God's prophecy that His creation of human beings would yet prove to be successful, through the "offspring of the woman." This is the Bible's first hint of a coming redeemer. The use of "he" (v. 15) shows that one person is meant. There has been only one descendant of Eve who was born of woman without the involvement of a man. Here, right at the start of the Bible story, is this first foreshadowing of Christ. And as the Bible story unfolds, there are other hints, pictures, and plain statements that become clearer and more abundant, so that, as we come to the end of the Old Testament, a fairly complete picture of Christ has been drawn. (See The Messiah in the Old Testament .) The mother of all the living (v. 20). The atonement of Christ is based on the unity of the race in Adam. One man's sin brought death. One man's death brought redemption (Romans 5:12–19).

Other Traditions of the Fall

- **Persian:** Our first parents, innocent, virtuous, and happy, lived in a garden, where there was a tree of immortality, until an evil spirit in the form of a serpent appeared.
- **Hindu:** In the first age, people were free from evil and disease, they had everything they wished for, and lived long.
- **Greek:** The first people, in the golden age, were naked, free from evil and trouble, and enjoyed communion with the gods.
- **Chinese:** There was a happy age, when people had an abundance of food and were surrounded by peaceful animals.
- **Mongolians and Tibetans:** Traditions similar to the Chinese.
- **Teutons:** The primeval race enjoyed a life of perpetual festivity.

The original story of the Garden of Eden was, no doubt, told by Adam to Methuselah, and by Methuselah to Noah, and by Noah to his sons. In later cultures it became variously modified.

(Halley's Bible Handbook, Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 92-94)

The Fall: V1 The word "serpent" here is not the Hebrew word commonly used for snake. It could be translated dragon, especially since snakes are reptiles, not "beasts of the field." **V5** Satan implies that God is not fair in withholding the knowledge of good and evil. **V6** Eve was deceived by the serpent, but Adam willfully transgressed when he ate the fruit. She was led into sin by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. **V9** "Where art thou?" is the cry of a heartbroken Father God knew that Adam and Eve were the victims of their choices and that they were now in bondage to death and darkness. **VV12-13** Adam and Eve tried to shift the blame for their sin onto others. **V15** The first promise of the Messiah Jesus, the seed of the Woman (Mary) destroyed the "head" or authority and power of Satan by His redemptive death on the cross. The cross is the second tree established by God whereby men might leave the government of death and darkness and go back into the government of life and light. **V21** The concept of a blood sacrifice to cover sin is first introduced here as the animals are slain to provide clothing for Adam and Eve. This event foreshadows Christ's eventual death on the cross, which put an end to blood sacrifice. **VV 22-24** God was merciful, not harsh, when He sent Adam and Eve away from the Tree of life because He knew they would not want to have to remain forever in their earthly aging bodies.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; Commentaries; pages 10-11)

Adam did what God told him not to do (see Genesis 3:1-6). As a result, Adam became a captive of Satan, who had lured him into going against God's word. By listening to Satan instead of to God, Adam surrendered to Satan the authority to rule the earth that God had originally given to man. Always listen to God and obey His Word.

I believe that Adam was clothed with God's glory before he sinned. As soon as Adam and Eve sinned, they realized they were naked. We might say that they lost their "covering." As long as they obeyed God, they were protected from everything the devil wanted to do to them—and, ultimately, through them. Upon seeing what the devil had done, God immediately announced Satan's doom and told him how it would occur.

Satan did not really understand what God was saying; nevertheless, God said it, and it had to come to pass: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15).

To "bruise the head" symbolizes a weakening of authority. God has said that the woman's Offspring (Jesus) will take away Satan's authority. Satan will bruise Jesus' heel (afflict His body—both on the cross and by afflicting mankind).

Through Jesus' death on the cross, God took Satan's authority (which Adam gave him) and gave it first to Jesus and then to every person who will believe—not only that Jesus died for them, but also that Satan has lost authority over them. We need to understand not only that Jesus died for us, but also that He has redeemed us!

No matter what the devil tries to do to you, he is doomed to defeat, and you are redeemed and victorious over him through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 1:1-6 (AMP)

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night.

3 And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].

4 Not so the wicked [those disobedient and living without God are not so]. But they are like the chaff [worthless, dead, without substance] which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked [those disobedient and living without God] shall not stand [justified] in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous [those who are upright and in right standing with God].

6 For the Lord knows and is fully acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly [those living outside God's will] shall perish (end in ruin and come to nought).

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 5-9)