

LISTEN UP & WRITE IT DOWN

Humanity's Fall

The Gospel According to Genesis: Beginnings

Genesis 3

Sunday, March 22, 2009

III. The One Tempted without Sin

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. –Hebrews 2:17-18

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as [we are, yet] without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. –Hebrews 4:15-16

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. –1 Corinthians 10:13

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I. The Temptation to Sin

A. Who does the tempting?

B. How does temptation work?

1. The _____ of God's Word
2. The _____ of God's Word
3. The _____ of God's Word
4. The _____ of God's Character
5. The _____ of God's Word

II. The Essence of Sin

Two ways to think about sin . . .

- 1.
- 2.

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Genesis 3 again. What is Genesis 3 telling us about “the account of” or “what became of” the heavens and the earth (2:4)?
2. What does Romans 5:12 tell us about Genesis 3?
3. Who is the serpent tempter in Genesis 3:1? Does Genesis 3 tell us? Check out Revelation 12:9 and 20:2. What does John 8:44 tell us about him?
4. Look closely at the conversation between Eve and the serpent. What is the progression and what place does the Word of God have in it?
5. What does Hebrews 4:15-16 have to do with this text?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. Why is the doctrine of original sin so repulsive to men? And yet why is it so hard to kill it?
3. Why is it so necessary to see ourselves in this first sin and fall? What happens if we don't/won't?
4. What is your besetting sin and how are you tempted to it? How can you employ the Gospel both in the midst of the temptation and after you fall into temptation?