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LESSON 22: THE FALL

Introduction

***Main Point:** The Fall of the human race through Adam is a real event in history, the moment mankind first rebelled against God, through which evil entered into the fabric of the world, the root to which every human misery and sin can be traced.*

I. The Origin of Evil in the World

1. Able not to sin
2. Evil from the outside
3. A literal account

II. The Story of the Fall

A. The Words of God

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

B. The Words of Satan

1. Questioning the Word of God

Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’? **2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

2. Lying and Deceiving

4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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C. The Fall of Man

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

III. Replaying the Scene

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

A. The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:3-4)

B. The Sin of Achan (Joshua 7:19-21)

IV. Escalating the Scene (Genesis 4:1-25; Genesis 6:5-7)

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. **7** So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” (Genesis 6:5-7)

V. The Triumph Of Christ (Matthew 4:1-11)

For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:17-19)