

The Way It Happened Is The Way It Keeps Happening!

Genesis 1, 2 and 3

I. The Basis of the Story - Genesis 1-2

- A.** God is at the center
- B.** God made it all according to His plan
- C.** Mankind belongs to God
- D.** God sets our limits
 - Relationships
 - Purpose
 - Functions
- E.** Living the way God intends blesses mankind – they live in fellowship with God, each other and the environment
- F.** Mankind is conditioned by God's will and their commitment to it.

II. The Shining One – Genesis 3

- A.** Crafty – shining
 - Beautiful, pleasing, appealing
 - "Anything God made this beautiful must be true"
 - With Satan death looks like life!
- B.** It starts right in
 - Did God say?
 - Question what He said
 - Question His authority
- C.** She says exactly what God said – she knows
- D.** Well I disagree with God
- E.** He gives a new interpretation i.e. what God meant to say
 - You won't die
 - You can be like God
 - You can have options
 - No longer committed to His ways – you can be your own authority
- F.** New information leads to new desires
 - Eyes
 - Stomach
 - Mind
- G.** New desires lead to new behaviors –
 - She ate

- She shared with Adam

III. Their Quality of Life Immediately Changes

- A.** They don't instantly die
- B.** But, they begin the process of dying
 - Self- conscious
 - Hide from God – "Where are you?"
 - Blame
 - Curse
 - Physical death

IV. Thoughts

- A.** Satan's approach –
 - Attack weakness – Eve was at the tree – interested, inquiring, I wonder, thinking about
 - He asks questions about settled issues – "Why would God..."
 - Questions God's intent – "My ways are not your ways"
 - Gives new understanding
 - Appears authoritative
 - Makes you think there are options in a relationship with God
 - Makes what was never an option, an option
 - Leads us into the process of dying
- B.** Second Adam - Jesus
 - Remakes us into a committed faith based relationship
 - We enter the process of living
- C.** When you are committed you don't give into temptation because you have already chosen – you don't have a choice, there is no free will
 - To act in another way is an act of rebellion against the authority you have committed to –
 - When you do that to God who made you it is sin
- D.** The more you listen to the options the further from God you get
 - That's why the Bible emphasizes ideas like:
 - Psalm 37:5, 119:11
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - James 4:7-8a