

Genesis: God and the Originals

THE FALL - PART 2, THE RESULT

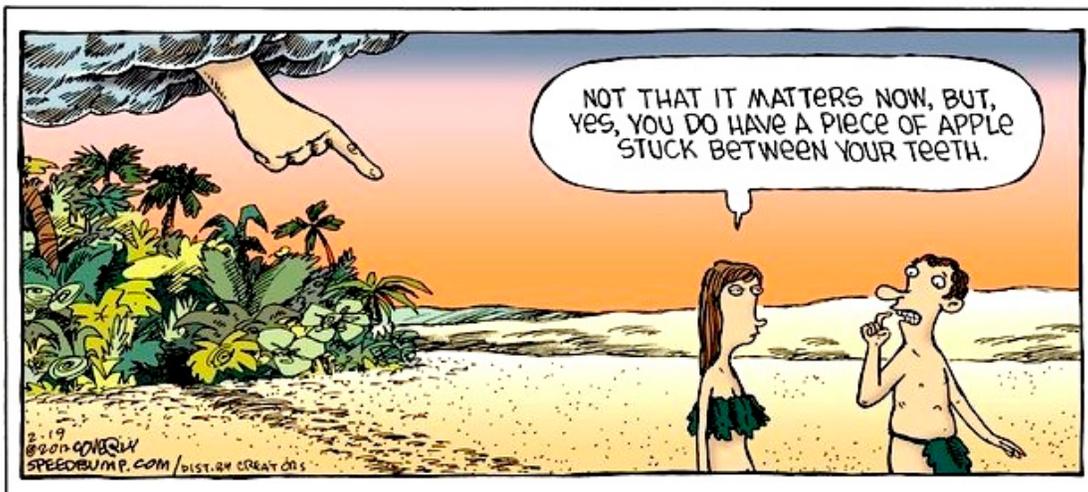
The Hiding and the Blame (3:8-13)

1. What is Adam and Eve's initial reaction to the sound of God's walking in v. 8? Why is this ironically stupid? Why is it tragically sad?

BONUS: How is v. 8 kind of like a metaphor for all of humanity? And how does it align with Psalm 53:1-3?

2. Does God really not know where the man is in v. 9? Why or why not?
3. Discuss at your table how the man's response in v. 10 is quite telling of his broken relationship with God in four different ways?
4. The same "question and response" sequence from vv. 9-10 shows up in vv. 11-12, but this time the man takes a different tactic. What is it and what are the results?
5. Who's response is the only honest one (see v. 13)? How is it still problematic though?

BONUS: How might hearing God walking, God asking where the man is, and God asking questions of both Adam and Eve be acts of grace? Especially considering 2:17, what should God have possibly done that God did not which shows God's grace?



The Curses (3:14-19)

Make a list of the “curses” Adam, the Woman, and the Snake receive:

The Snake

The Woman

Adam

What overall assumptions can we make about how life is going to be different now?

The Snake

The Woman

Adam

6. Is there any gospel in this section?

BONUS: Are the curses caused by God or by the three characters and how does that apply to us today? Add Jesus. Does your answer change at all?

Life As We Know It (3:20-24)

7. What is the first thing Adam does in v. 20 and how is it beautiful and ugly at the same time?
8. God acts in three gracious ways in vv. 21-24. What are they and why are they gracious?
9. From what is God ultimately trying to prevent Adam and Eve? How cool is Revelation 22:1-2 then?

Concluding Question:

Neither “fall” or “sin” are used in Genesis 3, but their ideas are perpetuated in the rest of scripture, particularly in the apostle Paul’s letters. Read Romans 5:12-21 and I Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-49. What do these verses imply about Adam and Eve’s choices, how they affect us, and what Jesus has done to change it all?

Quote of the day: “It took the work of the last Adam to bring home to us our full downfall in the first Adam.”
- Derek Kidner