

# ORIGIN OF ADDICTIONS

## *Back to the Beginning*

**Introduction:** Genesis is a book of \_\_\_\_\_. Our goal is learn about our Creator God and then ourselves.

### I. Creation: Our Creator Created a \_\_\_\_\_ World in Genesis 1

**Genesis 1:3 – Then God said,** “Let there be light”; and there was light

**Genesis 1:6-7 – Then God said,** “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”<sup>7</sup> Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so

**Genesis 1:9 – Then God said,** “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear”; and it was so.

**Genesis 1:11 – Then God said,** “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.

**Genesis 1:14-15 –Then God said,** “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;<sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

**Genesis 1:20 – Then God said,** “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.”

**Genesis 1:24 – Then God said,** “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind”; and it was so.

**Genesis 1:26-28a – Then God said,** “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them ...

**Genesis 1:31 – Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.** So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

A. “**Good**” – means \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ no bad in it.

### II. Creation: A Closer \_\_\_\_\_ -- Genesis 2

**Genesis 2:15-17 –** Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “**Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;**<sup>17</sup> **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.**

A. Prohibition Clearly \_\_\_\_\_ – “... but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall \_\_\_\_\_ eat”

B. Prohibition with \_\_\_\_\_ -- “... for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely \_\_\_\_\_”

**Genesis 2:23-25** – And Adam said: “This *is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> **And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

**Genesis 1:31** – **Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.** So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

### III. Sin – \_\_\_\_\_ World Begins in Genesis 3

A. Another \_\_\_\_\_: the serpent – the father of \_\_\_\_\_ – who wants you to Doubt God rather than Believe/Trust Him

**Genesis 3:1-5** – Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “**Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’**” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> **Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’**

1. The serpent attacks the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
2. The serpent attacks the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
3. The serpent wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word which reveals His character to us

#### B. Importance of Words

1. Words matter – Words are **NOT** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 2:13** -- These things we also speak, not in **words** which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

2. Words are \_\_\_\_\_ that **POINT** us in a direction
  - a. God’s Words – point us in the direction of \_\_\_\_\_ and life
  - b. Words of Satan and this world point us to \_\_\_\_\_ and death

**2 Timothy 2:15** – Be **diligent** to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

3. Therefore, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ our **WORDS**

4. Not calling “sin” but a “sickness” or “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” is **HOPELESS** and leads to greater hopelessness
5. Calling sin “sin” gives hope because there is an \_\_\_\_\_ for sin: **JESUS CHRIST**
6. Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ and makes us **RESPONSIBLE** – we now have a problem that needs a solution
7. Jesus Christ provides **FORGIVENESS** of our \_\_\_\_\_ and **POWER** through His indwelling \_\_\_\_\_ to be transformed

**2 Corinthians 5:17** -- Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a **new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new**

### C. The Willful sin of our First Parents

**Genesis 3:6-8** – So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, **she took of its fruit and ate**. She also gave to her husband with her, **and he ate**.<sup>7</sup> Then **the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.<sup>8</sup> 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**

1. SO VERY, VERY **TRAGIC**
2. Sin brings **Shame** with each other
3. **Relationally**, they no longer trust each other
4. Sin brings **Guilt**
5. Sin brings **Fear** of God
6. Sin brings **Separation** from God

### D. God Seeks out this rebellious couple (Praise God)

1. The Man

**Genesis 3:9-12** -- Then the LORD God called to **Adam** and said to him, “**Where are you?**”<sup>10</sup> So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and **I was afraid** because I was naked; and **I hid myself**.”<sup>11</sup> And He said, “**Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?**”<sup>12</sup> Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, **and I ate**.”

- ✓ God calls out to the man to bring him to **REPENTANCE**
- ✓ God **PROBES** by asking questions
- ✓ Adam blames God and the woman but does **ACCEPT** responsibility which is prerequisite for repentance and restoration to God

2. The Woman

**Genesis 3:13** – And the LORD God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and **I ate**.”

- ✓ God calls out to the woman to bring her to **REPENTANCE** by asking her a question
- ✓ The woman blames the serpent but does **ACCEPT** responsibility which is prerequisite for repentance and restoration to God

#### E. The Dreadful and Far-reaching Consequences of the Willful Sin of our First Parents

**Genesis 5:1-3** – This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. <sup>3</sup> And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, **and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.**

**Romans 5:12** – Therefore, just as through **one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned**

**Romans 3:9-20** – What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that **they are all under sin.** <sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is **none** righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> There is **none** who understands; There is **none** who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have **all** turned aside; They have **together** become unprofitable; There is **none** who does good, no, not one.” <sup>13</sup> “Their **throat** is an open tomb; With their **tongues** they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps is under their **lips**”; <sup>14</sup> “Whose **mouth** is full of cursing and bitterness.” <sup>15</sup> “Their **feet** are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> **Destruction and misery are in their ways;** <sup>17</sup> **And the way of peace they have not known.** <sup>18</sup> **There is no fear of God before their eyes.**” <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

1. Sin is **transgressing** God’s law OR failing to do what God requires: “selfishness” or “Self-focused”
2. When we (Christians) miss God’s will by sins of commission or omission, then we miss **God’s best** for our lives. Sin **separates** us from God and others. Sin causes **relational misery** (eternal misery for unbelievers)
3. God wants **good** for us. We must begin to see His authority and laws for us as **good**.

James MacDonald said, “Every time God says “Don’t” what He means is “Don’t hurt yourself”

#### IV. Redemption Promised in Genesis

**Genesis 3:21** – Also for Adam and his wife **the LORD God made garments of skin, and clothed them.**

- A.** God’s covering is with animal skins so **blood** had to be shed to cover their sins. Perhaps the garments that the Lord God made were a type of righteousness **imputed** by God in the place of the self-righteous garments that they had made for themselves in Genesis 3:7

**Ephesians 1:7** – In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

**Revelation 1:5b-6** – **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,** <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**1 John 4:9-10** – **In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.** <sup>10</sup> **In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

**Ephesians 2:4-5** – But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**)

**1 Corinthians 5:21** – For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

B. God, through his love and mercy has also provided forgiveness of sin and eternal life for us by His grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. He has **clothed** us with the perfect righteousness of Christ. God's love and grace to us is **always purposeful** – He will not leave us where we are but wants to **transform** us into the image of His Son

1. Because of His clothing of righteousness, we are no longer **identified** by our sins
2. We are no longer **addicts** or **sinners** but sinners saved by grace
3. **Submit** to Christ as your Lord – by obeying His Word

**1 John 3:1-3** – Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, <sup>b</sup> because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> **Beloved, now we are children of God;** and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> **And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

**Romans 12:1-2** – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God**

**Psalms 119:9** – How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.