

WEEK #3 - ANGELOLOGY / DEMONOLOGY / ANTHROPOLOGY

ANGELS, DEMONS and SATAN:

Angels, Demons and Satan are a real, objective, existing class of creatures. They are not a man-made conclusion to describe natural occurrences. They are supernatural beings that interact with the natural world.

With the acceptance of the Bible - OT Speaks about angels 100 times, NT speaks about angels 165 times!

The name Angel means "messenger" and there are examples of "angels" that are people or even God incarnate (Angel of Yahweh)

The Nature of Angels:

They are created beings (Psalm 148:5) "At His command they were created"

Christ created them (Colossians 1:16) "ALL things were created in him; things in heave and on earth" - this also shows that Christ is not a part of the angelic race - he is ABOVE angels as it says in Hebrews 1.

Created BEFORE the world (Job 38:4-7) "and all the angels shouted for Joy" - this shows that they are not created under the natural world's order of things - they exist on a different plane of existence.

in their created state, they were holy (Gen 1:31) "and he said it was good"

After the fall, many angels fell from their holy state, and are now considered unclean (Titus 6) "And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling"

Angels are distinct from mankind, of a different order (1 Cor 6:3) "we will judge angels"

There is Judgement for Fallen angels (Matt 25:41) "...into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"

Angels have will, emotion, intelligence and many faculties humans exhibit as cognizant beings (Luke 8:29) "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" (James 2:19) "demons believe and tremble"

Angels are spirit beings and do not possess a body like humans (Matt 8:16) "Drove out the Spirits" But they sometimes take shape in human form (Luke 1, Luke 24, Acts 1) Immaterial and incorporeal.

Angels are of higher order than men. (Hebrews 2:7-9) "made them a little lower than the angels"

And yet man will judge angels (1 Cor 6:3) "we will judge angels"

They do not procreate or die (Luke 20:35-36) "neither marry nor be given in marriage, **36** and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels."

They have appeared in visions and dreams (Isaiah 6:1-8) "Seraphim"

in the unveiling of their presence (2 Kings 6:17) **17** And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

and to people in normal, conscious, waking state (Luke 2:13) Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

Organization of Angels:

"rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms" (Eph 3:10) - order amongst the angels

Archangel - Michael appears to be the only "archangel" mentioned in scripture (Jude 9) He seems to also be the Prince of Israel. Maybe he is a guardian Angel over Israel (Daniel 10:21) "Michael your prince"

Cherubim: seems to be an order of angels, high ranking - Satan was a cherub. (Ezekiel 28:14, 16) they seem to be guardians of the holiness of God. guarded the garden of eden (Gen 3:24) Rev 4:6 the four living creatures - may be cherubim.

Seraphim - similar to Cherubim, attendants at the throne of God, and they praise God - all we know about them is found in Isaiah 6:2-7

GO DEEPER - Particular angels:

Gabriel - his name means hero of God - seems to be high ranking, he brings important messages of God to several individuals - Daniel, Zacharias and Mary. (Daniel 8:16, Luke 1:19, Luke 1:26)

Angels with special responsibilities - angel has power over fire (rev 14:18) power over waters (16:5) angels of the abyss (9:11) an angel who binds satan (20:1-2)

Angels with future judgements - Rev 8-9 indicates special angels having to do with the plagues, bowls, etc.

Angels to the seven churches - Rev 2-3. It is uncertain if these are angels or leaders (messengers) of specific churches. If they are indeed actual angels, these may be guardian angels, similar to Michael and Israel.

Angel of Yahweh - Angel of the Lord comes up a lot across the Old Testament: This is a Christophany - a preincarnate appearance of Christ. Spoke as God, identified Himself with God and exercised the prerogatives of God. (Gen 16, 21, 22, Exod 3, Judg 2, 5, 6, 13, 2 Sam 24, Zech 1, 3, 12) appearances of this angel of the Lord cease after his incarnation, which support conclusions that this is indeed pre-incarnate appearances.

MINISTRY OF HOLY ANGELS: What do they do?

We're not privy to ALL they do, but we get glimpses in the Bible.

Primarily seen as worshiping God - "Let all God's angels worship him." (Deut. 32:43)

They are evident in special ways during different epochs of human history

- **During creation they praised God (Job 38:6-7)** “On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels^[a] shouted for joy?”
- **During the 1st advent of Christ (Matt 1:20)** “But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”
- **During His life and ministry** (Matthew 4:11) “Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.”
- **During his resurrection** (Matthew 28:2) “There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.”
- **During His ascension** (Acts 1:10-11) “**10** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”
- **They were active during the beginning of the church age** (Acts 8:26) **26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”
- **During His second coming.** (1 Thess 4:16) “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”
- **During Judgment** (Matt 13:39) “The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.”

How are they involved with us today?

- **They are there to help believers** (Heb 1:14) “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”
- **They are involved in revealing the truth.** (Rev 1:1) “He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John”
- **They are involved in answering prayers** (Acts 12:5-10) “**5** So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. **6** The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. **7** Suddenly an angel of

the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists."

- **for winning people to Christ** (Acts 8:26) "**26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." - saving the Ethiopian
- **they observe christian order, work, suffering** (1 Cor 4:9) "We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings."
- **for encouragement** (Acts 27:23-24) "**23** Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me **24** and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'"
- **present at death** (Luke 16:22) ""The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried."

SATAN

Concerning Satan:

We believe in the personal existence of Satan, the author of sin, a liar from the beginning who is still working in the world to destroy the souls of men and that he and all his angels and all who do not receive Christ as their Savior will be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Is. 14:12-15; Rev. 20:10-15; II Cor. 4:3-4)

- **HE IS REAL** - not a figment, not a placeholder of evil - his existence is evidence in both OLD and NEW testament. OT: Genesis, 1 Chronicles, Job, Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah. NT: every writer affirms his existence.
- **Dualism is false** - No two equal forces of good and evil. Christ is creator, Satan is the creature (John 1:3) "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."
- **Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28 are the two best places to get details on Satan.**

ISAIAH 14:12-15 -

How you have fallen from heaven,

morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,

you who once laid low the nations!
You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.^[b]
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High."
But you are brought down to the realm of the dead,
to the depths of the pit.

EZEKIEL 28:12-19

12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

**"You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
You were in Eden,
the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned you:
carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,
topaz, onyx and jasper,
lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.^[b]
Your settings and mountings^[c] were made of gold;
on the day you were created they were prepared.**

**You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.
You were on the holy mount of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.
You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.
Through your widespread trade
you were filled with violence,
and you sinned.
So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,**

and I expelled you, guardian cherub,
from among the fiery stones.
Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.
So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.
By your many sins and dishonest trade
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.
So I made a fire come out from you,
and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.

All the nations who knew you
are appalled at you;
you have come to a horrible end
and will be no more.”

GO DEEPER: He is a creature and a spirit being (Ezekiel 28:14-15) He has a few names, Satan means adversary (Zech 3:1) the Devil -diabolos - which means slanderer (Matt 4:1) the evil one (John 17:15) the serpent (Gen 3:1) great red dragon (Rev 12:3) accuser of the brethren (Rev 12:10) the tempter (Matt 4:3) Ruler of this world (John 12:31) God / Prince of this world (2 Cor 4:4; Ephesians 2:2) Deceives the whole world (Rev 12:9) Beelzebul - chief of demons (Luke 11:15) Belial - means wickedness, describing his character (2 Corinthians 6:15)

WHAT DOES SATAN DO?

Satan is AT WAR with God and his program.

In relation to Christ, He attempted to bring Christ down:

- there is animosity between the seed of the women and Satan (Gen 3:15)
- Satan Inspired Herod's killing of children under two (Matt 2:16)
- Tempted Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:2)
- Satan tried to derail Christ's plan by getting Peter to dismiss Christ's Death in Jerusalem (Matt 16:21-23)
- Satan entered Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:27)

In relation to nations, he employs demons in carrying out his deception (Daniel 10) uses governments to frustrate the progress of the Gospel (1 Thess 2:18)

In relation to unbelievers, he blinds their minds so that they will not accept the Gospel (2 Cor 4:4) plants tares among the wheat (Matt 13:38-39) snatching the word (Mar 4:15)

In relation to believers,

- he tempts us in multiple ways, to cave to worldly pressure (1 Thess 3:5) "tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain"
- he also puts up blockades in ministry "but satan blocked our way (1 Thess 2:18)
- he tempts believers into lies and immorality (Acts 5:1-11) "Why has satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?"
- aligning government against believers and uses them to persecute and kill (Rev 2:10) he is the accuser of the brethren (Rev 12:10) he is a devourer, like a lion, essentially seeing how he can ruin Christians in any which way (1 Peter 5:8)

DEMONS:

They are REAL - Fallen angels - never explicitly said - but VERY implicit - Satan is known as the prince of demons (Matt 12:24) contrast Ephesians 3:10 "rulers and authorities" talking about good angels, with Ephesians 6:12 "rulers and authorities" talking about evil spiritual forces - aka demons.

In nature they are similar to Holy Angels - they are spirits - except that they are immoral, unclean (Matthew 10:1)

What do they do?

The same prerogatives as Satan - to oppose God and his kingdom. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
- Ephesians 6:12

- **They deceive people into idolatry, perversion and false religion,** (1 Tim 4:1-4)
"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."
- **They can inflict people with physical diseases and harm** - Matt 9:33 (muteness) 12:22 (blindness and muteness) 17:15-18 (seizures) they can also inflict mental disorders (Mark 5:4-5) can be involved in killing people (rev 9:14-19)

Is all ailments demon-related? No - Matthew 4:24 indicates that the Lord healed BOTH people with ailments and people with demon possession/oppression.

LETS DEBATE: DEMON POSSESSION:

Demons can influence people BUT demonization is different. Demons never truly “possess” anyone - because “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1)

Demonization - “*daimonizomai*” - to be under the power of, or controlled by a demon. Occurs 13 times in the New Testament.

CAN A CHRISTIAN BE DEMONIZED? - POLL THE ROOM.

So can someone who has the Spirit also have an evil spirit in them? Well, even with the Spirit dwelling with us, do we sin? Yes. How can that be if the Spirit is in us? There is a present struggle with the flesh as stated in multiple places in scripture (Galatians 5:16-17) if the old man is judged (Rom 6:6) notice that satan is judged too (John 12:31, 16:11) so why is he still active? Why is sin still active? There is at present the concept of two things being true at once. Just as much as being indwelt with the spirit as his possession is sometimes distinguished from being filled “do not get drunk on wine... instead be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18)

Its a debate - here’s where I land personally - I believe that it is possible to allow Satan/Demons to influence and even demonize believers for a time. SCRIPTURES?

- Ananias, a believer, satan filled his heart and he lied to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3)
- A believer may be delivered to Satan for the destruction of the flesh but the spirit will be saved in the day of the Lord. (1 Cor 5:5)
- 1 John 5:18 seems to be a rebuttal, but notice that it specifies that the evil one cannot harm him - said nothing about messing with him, its not permanent or eternal. Many believers have been physically harmed or even killed at the hands of people influenced by evil spirits (pretty much all the martyrs!)
- Ephesians 4:27 seems to imply that the devil can get a foothold in a believer's life.

NO MATTER YOUR POSITION: We need to be aware and on guard!

- Remembering that he that is in us is greater than him who is in the world 1 John 4:4,
- and that we need to use all the armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18)
- and to be alert of the “roaring lion” Satan who wants to devour us (1 Pet 5:8)

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ANTHROPOLOGY: Study of Man

How did man originate?

4 main theories:

Theory of evolution - man came about by nothing other than the natural, adaptation, mutation and survival of the fittest - from goo to zoo to you! Takes God completely out of the equation. So the origin of man comes from the same substance as any other living thing. Nothing inherently special about man, other than he's the most recent end of the chain of adaptations.

Theory of Theistic Evolution - this is a compromise between evolution and the position of God's creating - essentially God guiding the complete process of evolution - HUGE PROBLEMS: even if God directs the path to mankind, man is still no different or distinct from the rest of creation, and put the imago dei thing into question. Plus it would take **decay, death** and other issues to achieve the evolutionary component of this theory, **which flies in the face of God's good world that he created.** Also the creation of Eve is an act of special creation that does not seem to coincide with any evolutionary theory.

Theory of Old Earth Creationism - accepts the scientific consensus of the age of the earth (4.5 Billion years old) while still believing that God supernaturally created the world. This theory holds to the Biblical witness, yet believes that the days referred to in Genesis 1 are epochs of time.

Theory of Young Earth Creationism - 7 literal days of creation - earth is only about 6000-10000 years old.

Problems with Evolution - Mutations are rare and almost always harmful - they have never produced a new species, organ or system in or out of an existing species. Law of improbability destroys the time model of Evolution. Second Law of Thermodynamics - matter cannot be created or destroyed.

Evolution and Theistic Evolution are false doctrines - they reject the Bible's witness.

Old and Young Earth Creationism are acceptable teachings in the church - they seek to be faithful to the Biblical witness.

Days or ages? Days - while "yom" can refer to ages - or any length of time, **the qualifying "evening and morning" shows that it is referring to a literal day span (24hr period)** when God established sabbath for Israel, he stated that God made the day in 6 and rested on the 7th, and therefore established a pattern for them to follow (Ex 20:11) seems weird to do that and yet be anything other than literal days. **He did not use dor or olam (which means age)** - the burden of proof rests on the people who want it to read ages instead of days. Christ's appearance, being the God man affirms that he doesn't need time to do things that usually take a long time to produce (**wine at cana, bread for 5000**)

MAPLEVIEW'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENT:

Concerning Man:

We believe that God created man in His own image for the purpose of glorifying Himself through voluntary worship and service, that man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 5:12; Phil. 2:11; Ps. 51:5; Job 14:4; 15:14; Eph. 2:1-3)

CREATION OF MAN:

The creation of man was planned (gen 1:26) it was special and immediate (gen 1:27; 2:7) it took two parts, **material** - dust (in eves case, a rib) and **immaterial** - breath of life

Genesis 1:26-27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." - Genesis 2:7

And this creation is in His image - what does that mean? First off, it creates a distinction between man and other creatures. The words for image and likeness are tselem and demuth.

Tselem means fashioned image / representative figure.

Demuth implies the idea of similarity but more in the abstract or ideal. So what does that mean? God has made man to be in some concrete way a reflection of God but this is also in an abstract way - What does that look like? Theories:

Corporeal view - the material parts of man

Noncorporeal view - this connects image of God with facets of personality. Moral likeness, dominion, exercise of will, intellectual faculties.

Combination view - connects the body aspects as well as the personality/spiritual aspects. We are living beings made from God after his likeness (see Acts 17:28-29)

they have dominion (Gen 1:28) Stewardship.

Man was Holy - **Creaturely holiness**, in NO WAY equal with God - If this were true, Satan's lie in the garden in Genesis 3 would have held no ground. (side note, this flies in the face of Cult

groups that say that man can become God. Even in our perfection we do not ascend to the status of Godhood.)

Ramifications on “the image of God” for sin entering the picture - the image of God is not gone, but “defaced” but not erased, broken but not obliterated. If man lost the image of God at the moment of sin, man would no longer be a living, rational being that had dominion.

**“Whoever sheds human blood,
by humans shall their blood be shed;
for in the image of God
has God made mankind.” - Genesis 9:6 - God’s reason for capital punishment.**

“With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;” - James 3:9

GOING DEEPER: Transmission of man’s being:

Different views:

Preexistence - in the beginning God created all human souls, and they are confined in human bodies as punishment, reincarnation etc. Orthodox Christianity has never held this view. Flies in the face of Hebrews 9:27, men die once and face judgment.

Creationism - the soul is created at the moment of conception or birth and immediately unites with the body. Hebrews 12:9 “the father of spirits” - Catholics and Reformed theologians prefer creationism

Traducianism - the soul is transmitted along with the body through the process of natural generation. (Hebrews 7:10) “Levi was still in the body of his ancestor” After Adam, no fresh acts or “breath of life” moments for others. God rested on the 7th day. All seems to imply a finished work. Theologically it makes sense: God makes a perfect soul and after the fall, the transmission of all later people is not an act of God creating something imperfect. Christ is different because it was a special case - not by natural generation, but by miracle, another special creation. Physiologically speaking, it makes sense - man is always seen as a body and soul together, so them developing together makes sense. (I like this view)

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Dichotomy or Trichotomy? - common debate in the church, not too serious.

Dichotomy - man is made up of two parts. Body and Soul/Spirit (used interchangeably, Spirit specifically an aspect of our Soul)

Trichotomy - man is made up of three parts. Body, Soul and Spirit. (developed by Aristotle, popularized by Thomas Aquinas, Widely held amongst Roman Catholics)

Verses arguing Dichotomy:

“For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.” - James 2:26

“When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;” Revelation 6:9

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1

“Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.” 1 Peter 2:11

Verses arguing Trichotomy:

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:23

I think much of this debate is semantics - I lean towards Dichotomy.

The Immaterial parts of man: Much OVERLAPS

Soul - Nephesh - “life” Living being (Gen 2:7) “life for life” (Ex 21:23) When we physically die, the soul is apart from the body - in the OT the “soul” is inextricable from the body. Soul is also the center of various spiritual emotional experiences (Job 30:25) “Soul grieved” In the NT greek “Psyche” denotes the immaterial part of the person, and it only seems to talk that way - no physical. Matt 10:28 seems to distinguish the two “kill the body... unable to kill the soul” it also distinguishes people before their resurrected bodies (Rev 6:9)

Spirit - Ruach and pneuma - refers only to the immaterial part of a man, unlike soul which seems to indicate the whole person. Man is not said to be a spirit, but to have a spirit. The spirit originates from God and all people have spirits “God of the spirits of all flesh” (Numbers 16:22)

“father of spirits” (Hebrews 12:9) it is not something that people only receive when they believe. (Hebrews 4:12) “renew a steadfast spirit in me” (Ps 51:10) in Pauline thought it assumes prominence in relation to spiritual life.

Heart - a very comprehensive part of both OT and NT, the center and seat of life Physically, Emotionally, Spiritually.. Most occurrences refer to the inner man. Center of intellectual life (Deut 8:5) “know in your heart” emotional life (Deut 6:5) “love... with all your heart” volitional life (Deut 4:29) “search for Him with all your heart” Spiritual life (Romans 10:9-10) “Believe in your heart”

Conscience - the witness within a man that tells him he out to do what he believes to be right and not to do what he believes to be wrong. (Romans 2:15)

Mind - feeling, judging, determining. THE COMPASS - A few greek words describe similar things Phroneo, nous, sunesis. Reprobate mines (Rom 1:28) “depraved mind” verses a renewed mind (Romans 12:2)

Flesh - seems to indicate two things, actual physical body, but also the disposition of sin and to oppose God (Gal 5:17) “the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit”

Will - while the will of God is mentioned way more, in an unsystematic way, there is mention to the will of man - a believer can will to do what is right or wrong (Romans 7) it may just be a part of a different facet of a man than its own distinct aspect.

THE FALL OF MAN:

Scripture validates the literal fall of man by one man and woman:

1 Corinthians 15:21 “For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead”

Romans 5:12 “through one man sin entered into the world”

The Tempted - Adam and Eve - reason, unadulterated relationship with one another and with God. an unconfirmed creature holiness (as Ryrie puts it) He had a responsibility to “fill the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28) and to tend the garden (Gen 2:16-17)

The Test - Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In setting this test, God showed that he wanted men to voluntarily choose to obey Him and to serve Him.

The Tempter - Satan used a serpent to talk to Eve - seems like a guise to use something she saw as familiar. When it spoke, it did not seem to alarm her... interesting. The woman had not personally received the prohibition from God as Adam had, so that is why Satan targeted her.

The Temptation: The counterfeit - Satan is a master counterfeiter (Is 14:14)"I will make myself like the Most High" His approach was to have a similar thought as God's without the restriction, and Eve entertained the thought. Satan attempted to also counterfeit the goodness of God that showing that eating the fruit would give them a benefit - "Knowing good from evil" syllogism - Major premise - restrictions were not good, minor premise - God's plan included a restriction - Conclusion - God's plan was not Good. And with that came the false hope of becoming "like God"

Eve's Rationalizations - the fruit would give physical sustenance, it would cultivate their aesthetic tastes, it would add to their wisdom.

Adam's Irresponsibility - He passively joined her in her choice - did not stand for God, rebuke her, or take responsibility when God asked the questions:

The Penalties of sin:

On the Race - (Genesis 3:7-13) Sense of guilt (covering v7) loss of fellowship evidenced with hiding from God (v8)

On the serpent (Gen 3:14) condemned to crawl

On Satan (Gen 3:15) enmity between the seed of satan (demonic powers) and the seed of the woman (all the family of God, and more specifically the messianic line) also a promised defeat (bruise your head)

On Eve and Women (Gen 3:16) Childbirth process would be more difficult. Two different takes on the "desire for her husband" some see it as a sexual desire, so that she desires to procreate. Others see this as a desire for headship. Also A Hierarchy of Rule - man would rule over women.

On Adam and Man (Gen 3:17-24) Cursed ground - work and toil produce thorns and thistles. Death - man will return to the dust - expulsion from the garden.

Ramifications:

Sin affects others - Eve's sins affected Adam, Adam's sins affected the entire race.

Sin once committed can never be undone - Forgiveness can be experienced and fellowship restored but history cannot be changed, they could not undo what they did. But thanks be to God that when sin abounds grace abounds all the more! (Romans 5:20)