

In The Beginning

TEXT: Gen. 1:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE BIBLE BEGINS & ENDS WITH GOD.
- B. AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE "BEGINNING" HELPS AN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US.

I. THE BEGINNING OF CREATION.

- A. THIS "BEGINNING" IS THE BEGINNING OF THIS PRESENT CREATION.
- B. 3 PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD(**vs. 1-2; John 1:1-3, 14**).

II. THE BEGINNING OF MAN.

- A. MAN WAS CREATED TO RULE & HAVE DOMINION(**Gen. 1:26-28**).
 - 1. He was given work to do(**2:15**).
 - 2. His primary duty(**Ecc. 12:13-14**).
- B. MAN IS A TRIUNE BEING(**1 Thes. 5:23**).
 - 1. We are God's offspring(**Acts 17:28-29; John 4:24**).
 - 2. Man is a moral being - CHOICE(**Rev. 22:17; Josh. 24:15**).

III. THE BEGINNING OF SIN.

- A. THERE WAS ONE RESTRICTION PLACED ON MAN(**Gen. 2:16-17**).
 - 1. **Positive** law, not a **moral** law.
 - 2. Not for the purpose of tempting(**James 1:13-15**).
- B. THE TEMPTATION CAME FROM SATAN(**ch. 3**).
 - 1. Notice the 3-fold appeal(**Gen. 3:6**).
 - 2. **We are tempted in the same way**(**1 John 2:15-17**).
- C. SIN IS ACTING CONTRARY TO GOD'S WILL.
 - 1. Sins of "**commission**"(**1 John 3:4**).
 - 2. Sins of "**omission**"(**James 4:17**).
- D. **WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT**(**Rom. 3:23**).

IV. THE BEGINNING OF SINS CONSEQUENCES.

- A. **SHAME**: fig leaf aprons that couldn't cover(**Jer. 10:23**).
- B. **FEAR**: They hid themselves(**Heb. 10:31; Mat. 10:28**).
- C. **WARPED THINKING**(**1 Tim 4:1-2; Phil. 3:18-19**).
- D. **COWARDICE**(**Gen. 3:11-13**).
- E. **PHYSICAL CURSES** - serpent(**vs. 14-15**), woman(**16**), man(**17f.**)
- F. **DRIVEN FROM GOD'S PRESENCE**(**Isa. 55:1-2; Eph. 2:1, 12**).
- G. **PHYSICAL DEATH** FOR ALL ADAM'S OFFSPRING(**1 Cor.15:22; Rom.5:12**).
 - 1. We are all Adam's **physical** offspring, we inherit that which is his **physically** - **physical death**.
 - 2. **Spiritually** from birth we are God's offspring. Therefore we are born **spiritually** innocent and alive. Man becomes a spiritual decedent of Adam **only when he does that which Adam did** - SIN(**Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Rom. 5:12**).

V. THE BEGINNING OF REDEMPTION.

- A. IN **PROMISE**(**Gen. 3:15 - 1 Cor. 15:55-57**).
- B. IN **TYPE**: GOD COVERED THEIR "NAKEDNESS" THRU THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD(**Gen. 3:21**).
 - 1. Sin may be taken away, but...(**Heb. 9:22, 13-15; 1 Pet. 1:18-20**).
 - 2. How can we fellowship Jesus in death(**Rom.6:3-4; Acts2:38**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. ALL OF US ARE SINNERS.
- B. WE ARE ALL IN DANGER.
- C. **WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ABOUT YOUR SIN?**