

LESSON ONE
Genesis 3
(For Group and Sunday School Members)

As we begin our study on the Covenants (Promises of God), we begin with the Adamic Covenant. It is clear as you read through the first 3 chapters of Genesis that God established 2 plans for man and woman to be a part of His Kingdom. God created both man and woman and He blessed them to be “fruitful and to increase in numbers, to fill the earth and subdue it.” Genesis 1:28. Additionally, they were to rule over the fish, the birds, and every living creature that moves on the ground. It was a perfect setting for them to be in perfect union ruling over everything in Garden of Eden in the presence of God. It was a perfect world, a perfect situation. It was God’s perfect plan. He called His creation “very good.” This is Plan 1 but it came with a certain warning – “you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” Genesis 2:17. Well we all know the story that follows, but here we are in the first Book of the Bible in chapter 3 of Genesis, page 14 of 2006 pages of my Bible and already God’s plan is unfolding as the serpent encounters Eve and deceives her. What takes place in Chapter 3 shakes the very foundation of Plan 1 destroying this perfect world, but in a subtle and awe- inspiring way God begins to provide hope and reveal Plan 2.

The Adamic Covenant is a clear picture of God’s grace. A promise to bring a Savior. A promise to crush the head of Satan. A promise to permanently declare victory over sin. What a beautiful picture painted by the very words of God in Genesis 3:14-17.

Genesis 3:14-17 (Read)

Questions:

- 1. What were some of the consequences of the Fall for mankind?**
- 2. Why didn’t Adam and Eve immediately die for their sin?**
- 3. What is the Adamic Covenant?**
- 4. What is the protoevangelium?**
- 5. “I will put enmity...” What is God talking about?**
- 6. “Your seed and hers.” What is the meaning of this phrase?**
- 7. “He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. Look at this in a few translations. What is this talking about?**
- 8. Was the power of the devil broken at the cross?**