

# *GOD STILL SEEKS SINNERS*

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Genesis 3:1-15 (p. 5)

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*Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked;  
so they sewed fig leaves together to make coverings for themselves . . . .  
and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

Genesis 3:7-8

## **The Serpent**

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.  
He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"*

Genesis 3:1

## **The big lie**

*"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it  
your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

Genesis 3:4-5

## **Rebellion (or, The Silence of Adam)**

*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye,  
and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.*

*She also gave some to her husband, who was with her.*

Genesis 3:6 (see 1 John 2:15-17, p. 1900)

## “Where are you?”

*But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”  
He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid . . . .”*  
Genesis 3:10 (Romans 5:8, p. 1753)

## The Gospel

*“And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*  
Genesis 3:15 (Galatians 4:4, p. 1813)

## Resources for further study of Genesis 1-3

Eugene Merrill’s “Covenant and Kingdom” at [http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted\\_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Merrill-Gen1-3Theology-CTR.pdf](http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Merrill-Gen1-3Theology-CTR.pdf)

Julie Roy’s *Redeeming the Feminine Soul* (Nelson, 2017) is the best new book I’ve read on male and female in God’s image, even after the fall!

The Gentle Reformation blog post “Reflections on Genesis 3:15” at <https://gentlereformation.com/2015/03/03/reflections-on-genesis-315/>

The CRCNA’s “Our World Belongs to God” has a powerful statement of the fall at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

The Belgic Confession, especially Articles 14-15, at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession>

Geerhardus Vos’ “Christology in Genesis 3:15” at <http://feedingonchrist.com/christology-genesis-315/>

Richardson’s “Sexuality in the Beginning: Genesis 3” at [http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted\\_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Davidson\\_SexGen3\\_AUSS.pdf](http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Davidson_SexGen3_AUSS.pdf)

Commentaries I like include John Sailhamer (*Expositor’s Bible Commentary* and *Genesis Unbound*); Bruce Waltke (*Genesis*, Zondervan, 2001); Allen P. Ross (*Creation and Blessing*, Baker, 1988).

Study Bibles on creation I like include Zondervan’s *NIV*, Nelson’s *New King James Version*, and Crossway’s *ESV*.

Francis Schaeffer’s Genesis trilogy: *The God Who Is There*, *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*, and *Genesis in Space and Time*.

C. Leupold’s helpful commentary at [https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/bible\\_book/genesis\\_leupold.html](https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/bible_book/genesis_leupold.html)

Timothy Keller’s sermon “A Promise of Hope” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q6EgfodCDk>

## **Our World Belongs to God**

13. In the beginning of human history,  
    our first parents walked with God.  
But rather than living by the Creator's word of life,  
    they listened to the serpent's lie and fell into sin.  
In their rebellion  
    they tried to be like God.  
As sinners,  
    Adam and Eve feared the nearness of God and hid.

*For the fall of humanity into sin, see Genesis 3. On the serpent, see, in addition to Genesis 3, Revelation 12:9 and 20:2.*

14. Fallen in that first sin,  
we prove each day that apart from grace  
    we are guilty sinners:  
    we fail to thank God,  
    we break God's laws,  
    we ignore our tasks.  
Looking for life without God,  
    we find death;  
grasping for freedom outside the law,  
    we trap ourselves in Satan's snares;  
pursuing pleasure,  
    we lose the gift of joy.

*For the effects of the fall on humanity, see especially Romans 1:18-3:18.*

15. When humans deface God's image,  
the whole world suffers:  
    we abuse the creation or idolize it;  
    we are estranged  
        from our Creator,  
        from our neighbor,  
        from our true selves,  
        and from all that God has made.

*On the defacing of God's image, see Romans 1:21-23; for the restoration of the image in Christ, see Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 4:22-24, and Colossians 3:10.*