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**Created for Purpose**  
**Genesis 2:4 – 3:24**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In this second passage from the book of Genesis we will see the creation of man and woman explained in more detail. We see that God designed man and woman to live together and to complement each other. In this section we also see the two of them fall into sin. They go against what God instructed taking from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. While God shares the consequences with them, He also makes the first promise that He is going to fix their mistake. He tells them that from the seed of the woman will come one that will crush the head of the serpent.



## Genesis 2:4 - 3:24 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven. <sup>5</sup> Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. <sup>6</sup> But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; <sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." <sup>19</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD

God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. <sup>22</sup> The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man 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."

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

### The Fall of Man

<sup>3</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; <sup>3</sup> but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup> The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also 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 loin coverings.

<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden,

and I was afraid because I was naked; so 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 not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you will go,  
And dust you will eat  
All the days of your life;  
<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman He said,  
“I will greatly multiply  
Your pain in childbirth,  
In pain you will bring forth children;  
Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
And he will rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have

eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;

Cursed is the ground because of you;  
In toil you will eat of it  
All the days of your life.  
<sup>18</sup> “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;  
And you will eat the plants of the field;  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face  
You will eat bread,  
Till you return to the ground,  
Because from it you were taken;  
For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup> Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living.

<sup>21</sup> The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—<sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.  
<sup>24</sup> So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

## ● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
  
4. Is there anything repeated?
  
5. What is emphasized?
  
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
  
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. Did man have a job in the Garden? If so, what was his job?

9. Why did God create the Woman?

10. What is the relationship between the man and the woman?

11. What is being promised in 3:15? Why is this significant?

12. Why did Adam name his wife Eve?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

13. Adam and Eve took the fruit for themselves and broke away from their dependence on God.  
How do we attempt to live on our own apart from the provision that God provides?

14. How does the promise of 3:15 apply to us today?

15. How does the model of the relationship between the man and woman that we see in this passage apply to us today?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

**SERMON NOTES**