

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Our Sin; God's Mercy - Genesis 3:1-24 - "Sin & Its Consequences"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you consider this passage and the first temptation in history - do you find any similarities in how the Devil tempts you?
How does the Enemy tempt you through the undermining of God's Word & the twisting of His commands?
How would a recognition of who they were in The Lord have helped them combat the temptation of the Enemy?
(If it helps, consider how Jesus responded to the temptations of The Devil in the wilderness).
How did they already have "God's likeness" and the knowledge of good (not evil) based on their relationship with God?
3. What happens immediately after they disobeyed God's command?
How do their actions reveal that their choice to sin has changed them?
How has this also impacted their relationship with the Lord? (hiding from Him, even blaming Him)
How has it clearly impacted their relationship with one another?
4. How does God's response indicate His deep love for Adam & Eve (those made in His image)?
How specifically do God's actions reveal His great mercy unto Adam & Eve - and all of us down the road?
How do God's words and actions here point to the future sacrifice of Jesus to provide a covering for the sins of humanity?
5. How does Revelation 22:1-3 give us hope that the Tree of Life will one day be accessible again to those who trust in Christ?
How can we truly live with this future hope always in mind and Jesus before our eyes, even in the aftermath of our sinning?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon:
Have you ever struggled (or do you currently struggle) with believing any of the lies below instead of their correlating truths?

THE LIE WE MIGHT BELIEVE:

God's commands are too difficult to keep!
God withholds certain pleasures from us!
I can hide my sin and no one will ever know!
My sin has made me unable to go to God!
God is punishing me when things go wrong!

THE TRUTH WE NEED TO KNOW:

God strengthens us by His Spirit to obey!
God's ways are always best for our lives!
God sees & knows it all and STILL loves us!
God's grace is far greater than all of our sin!
God lovingly disciplines us for our benefit!
(Our sins' punishment was placed upon Jesus and by faith in Him we receive mercy instead)