

**“The Fall of Man”**  
**Bible Stories, Pt. 4: Genesis 2:25-3:24**

**I. Naked and Unashamed Prior to the Fall**

- A. Humanity would not have remained naked forever (see Rev. 6:11; 7:13-14).
- B. Their nakedness is mentioned in Gen. 2:25 to foreshadow the tragic results of the fall.
- C. It also forms a literary connection between 2:25 and the Serpent of 3:1 (“naked” and “crafty” sound alike in Hebrew).

**II. The Knowledge of Good and Evil Defined**

- A. It’s not bad in and of itself; God has it! – Gen. 3:22
- B. Despite Satan’s lie, God did plan to one day give it to humanity.

*1 Kings 3:9 - “So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”*

- C. The Knowledge of Good and Evil was the authority and wisdom necessary to condemn evil and remove it from God’s creation.
- D. Adam and Eve, in their creation infancy, were not ready for that privilege.
  - 1. Yet they immaturely and disobediently grasped for it.
  - 2. This led to horrific results for them and their posterity.

**III. The Tragic Results of the Fall**

- A. Death – spiritual and physical – spread to all.
- B. They received a corrupted version of the knowledge of good and evil.
  - 1. This opened their eyes to their nakedness, revealing their unfit status to possess the role for which they had rebelliously grasped.
  - 2. The shame of this self-judgment caused them to blame everyone else as unrighteous judges.
    - a. Eve blamed the serpent.
    - b. Adam blamed Eve.
    - c. Adam even blamed God!
  - 3. All of this characterizes the human race today.

- a. We know enough to know something is wrong with *us*.
- b. We mask that shame by obsessing over the wrongs of others.

#### **IV. Creation Cursed in Hope (Rom. 8:20)**

- A. The deadly toil of this life leads the elect to look up for deliverance.
- B. The trials of marriage and family lead God's people to yearn to be identified with the true Husband and His true Bride.
- C. The fulfillment of those longings was possible because the serpent's head would one day be crushed by a self-sacrificing Son of Eve (Gen. 3:15).
- D. Amazingly, our redemption by that Son will also include being put in that position of godly authority that our first parents tried to steal ahead of time:

*1 Corinthians 6:3a - Do you not know that we will judge angels?*

1. We will not just watch Christ judge evil and expel it forever.
2. We, by His grace, will participate with Him in that judgment.
3. We will finally have full possession of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, along with the full purity heart of heart necessary to make us righteous judges.