

## Lessons To Be Learned In The Beginning

Genesis 2:15-17

### God's will is understandable

- Genesis 2:16; 3:1-3 - "... you shall not eat ... you will surely die"
- "When you read you can understand ..."  
(Ephesians 3:3-5)
- "Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:17)
- There are some things that are "hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16; be careful!) and we will have to be diligent in our studies (2 Timothy 2:15) but it can - and must - be done. (Acts 8:30-31)

### We have a formidable adversary

- As the "father of lies" (John 8:44) he will alter scripture. (Genesis 3:4-5) or take it out of context (Matthew 4:6-7).
- He is the "accuser" of God's children. (Revelation 12:10; Job 1:8-12)
- He is a scheming adversary we can't ignore. (1 John 2:15; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 1 Peter 5:8)
- He can be resisted and has been defeated. (Ephesians 6:10-13; James 4:7)

### Man has a choice

- God allowed Adam and Eve to choose whether to obey or not. (Deuteronomy 30:15)
- God desires our submission but it must be an exercise of our will. (Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; Romans 6:16).
- We have been invited by Jesus to "take (His) yoke upon (ourselves)." (Matthew 11:29)

### Accept responsibility

- Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the serpent.
- Neither acknowledged or confessed. (Luke 15:21; 2 Samuel 12:13; Psalms 51:4)
- Examples of denial: (Exodus 32:21-24; 1 Samuel 15:15, 21)
- We can't hide from God. (Genesis 3:8-10; Jeremiah 17:20; Psalms 139:3)

### There are severe consequences to our sin.

- "You shall surely die ..." (Genesis 2:17; James 1:14-15)
- Dead while living. (1 Timothy 5:6)
- The "wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)
- Eternal consequences. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Ezekiel 18:20)

## God's plan to redeem us

- God would crush Satan through the seed of woman. (Genesis 3:15; Galatians 4:4 Hebrews 2:14-18)
- God's eternal plan. (Ephesians 1:3-7; Acts 2:22-24) Will we ...
  - Believe? (Mark 16:15-16)
  - Confess? (Romans 10:9-10)
  - Exercise true repentance! (Acts 17:30)
  - Be baptized to walk in newness of life and put on Christ? (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27)