



Grace from the Beginning? (Gen 3:1-24)

Sunday 16 March 2008

...space for you to write your notes on Sunday

10h30 & 17h30 Versailles, 17h30 Chevry,

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| Jan 27 | The Beginning of all things Gen 1:1-2:3
<i>Overview - themes</i> |
| Feb 3 | The Meaning of Life Gen 2:4-17 |
| Feb 10 17h30
Versailles | <i>Reconciling Creation & Evolution?</i> |
| Feb 10
Feb 3 17h30
Versailles | Why bother with marriage? Gen 2:18-25
<i>Sex & Family</i> |
| Feb 17 | Where do people fit in? Gen 1:26-31
<i>Creation of human beings, different than animals?</i>
nb 10h30 Confirmation Service |
| Feb 24 | Why work? Gen 1:26-31 |
| Mar 2 | Living for Leisure? Gen 2:2 -3 , Ex 20
<i>What does Sabbath mean in C21?</i> |
| Mar 9 | Does the world matter? Gen 1:26-31 |
| Mar 16 | Grace from the Beginning? Gen 3:1-24 |



Some Books you may find helpful

David Atkinson, *The Message of Genesis*, Bible Speaks Today
 Gordon Wenham, *Genesis*, Word
 Henri Blocher, *In The Beginning* (originally in French) –very thorough look at Genesis 1-3, widely regarded as the best book on these chapters

Books relating to individual topics in the series

Michael Poole, *A Guide to Science and Belief*, Lion, 1990
 R. Frost & D. Wilkinson, *Thinking Clearly about God and Science*, Monarch, 1996.
 L Strobel, *The Case for a Creator*
 Malcolm. A Jeeves & R. J. Berry, *Science, Life and Christian Belief*, Apollos, 1998
 Reenchantment of Nature, McGrath
 T Campolo, *How to Rescue the Earth without worshipping Nature*
 Gary Chapman, *Five Love Languages*
 Mark & Lindsay Mellowish, *Family Time*
 N & S Lee, *The Marriage Book*
 Rob Parsons, *The Sixty Minute Marriage*
 Mark Greene, *Thank God it's Monday - Ministry in the Workplace*, SU, 1997
 Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger, Ronald Sider



Study Guide for Your Own Study During the Week Grace from the Beginning? (Gen 3:1-24)

...going deeper

to think about

*"IT WAS GOOD" ...these words stand out in Genesis 1
Adam and Eve lived in paradise, with everything they needed materially
with a direct and close relationship with God, and a relationship with
each other that was similarly unspoiled by conflict or anything else.*

*Read Genesis 2:15-17
In the Garden of Eden there were lots of good things to choose from.
Only one thing was off limits, and they had a choice to obey God or not
to obey him.*

*It's all about Love ...would it really mean anything if people were not
able to choose to love God or not?*

*Read Genesis 3:1-24
It's a choice we all face... Though the temptation may be different than
the one Adam and Eve faced, we also often have choices whether to
obey God or not.*

*What were the results of Adam and Eve doing what they had been
warned not to do?*

Was this fair?

Nakedness & Clothing

*When Adam and Eve realized they were naked they didn't just put a fig
leaf to cover their private parts, what did they do? (v.7) Would these
have been good clothes?*

*How can we see God's love and care for them even after they had
turned away from him? (v.21)*

The Serpent

*Read v.15. We see God's love and care (his grace) in this prophecy that
the serpent's head will be crushed – consider these words which relate
to how this would happen many years after Genesis:*

*"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your
victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and
the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)*

*Even when people turn away from him, God is still showing his grace –
how do you feel about that?*

taking it further

Grace from the beginning...

*...How have you seen God's grace in the Bible, in human history, and in
your own life?*

...How have you responded to God's grace seen in his love and care?