

Series: Choices

# THE POWER OF A CHOICE

## GENESIS 3

Text:

Introduction:

Every day of our lives we make choices which have immediate and long lasting results.

- We make Spiritual Choices (Salvation, Surrender)
- We make financial choices
- We make relationship choices
- We make political choices
- We make moral choices

Illustration:

Basketball Player A.C. Green once was asked why he chose to remain morally pure during his N.B.A. career. He said, I have been given the power of choice. I have the power to make a choice. Once I make a choice, it has power over me.

Remember:

“Our philosophy is not best expressed in the words we say, but in the choices we make.”

In our passage this morning we see Satan coming to tempt the first family of the world. Their decisions, right or wrong would be precedent setting.

Remember:

God had just created the world and all was “good”

As we see the serpent approach Eve, we must realize that the relationship between animals and man was quite different before the fall. Today the snake is a type of Satan and evil. In these times, the snake was considered very beautiful and subtle.

Satan had entered the serpent, as he was now cast down from Heaven.

Note:

# 1. THE REASONING BEHIND A WRONG DECISION

- Satan Questions the Word of God (vs. 1)

## **Genesis 3:1**

<sup>1</sup> *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Satan tries to come as a friend to encourage Eve to ascend to the place of God.

Satan Says, “Did God really say that?” “Is the Bible really the infallible word of God?”

When we question the authority of the Word of God we will make wrong choices.

Not only was the questioning the Word of God a reason behind a wrong decision but also note:

- Satan Deceives the People of God (vs. 4-5)

## **Genesis 3:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: <sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

There is a personal devil who deceives the people of God. When God says, “Today is the day of Salvation.” The Devil says, “Not now, wait til you’ve had a little more fun.”

**2 Corinthians 11:3**

*<sup>3</sup> But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

The serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety.

All of Satan’s Apples have worms! All of his “good times” end in heartbreak.

One of the reasons we need to separate from situations of temptation is because we may cause someone else to stumble.

Note not only “The Reason of a Wrong Decision” but also:

## 2. THE RESULT OF A WRONG DECISION (VS. 14-19)

### **Genesis 3:14-19**

<sup>14</sup> *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

<sup>15</sup> *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.* <sup>16</sup> *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.* <sup>17</sup> *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;* <sup>18</sup> *Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;* <sup>19</sup> *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

#### A. The Immediate Result

- Pain in Labor
- Work in the Field

## B. The Long Range Result

As the head of the human race the results of Adam's sin was far reaching

### **Romans 5:12**

<sup>12</sup> *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

Note not only "The Reason of a Wrong Decision" and "The Result of a Wrong Decision" but also:

## **3. THE RESTORATION AFTER A WRONG DECISION**

Note:

### A. It Required a Person

### **Genesis 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

### **Romans 5:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. <sup>15</sup> But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. <sup>16</sup> And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. <sup>17</sup> For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) <sup>18</sup> Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

#### B. It Required a Payment

### **Romans 5:18**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

**Romans 5:8-9**

*<sup>8</sup> But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

Close:

The greatest choice we ever make is the choice to accept the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember:

When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that in itself is a choice.