

## DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

### Lesson 2

#### **INNOCENCE**

Genesis 1:26-3:24

#### Description of the Age of Innocence:

1. Man was unaware of evil, created innocent
  2. Man had an unbroken relationship with God
  3. Man had a harmonious relationship with others (spouse)
  4. Perfect world for man to rule over Genesis 1:26
  5. Adam & Eve were husband & wife Genesis 1:27 & 28
  6. Man was placed in a perfect Garden/Paradise Genesis 2:8
  7. Two specific trees in the garden
    - a. Tree of life—fruit that would let man live forever
    - b. Tree of knowledge of good & evil
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- I. Ruling Factor--Genesis 2:15-17
    - a. Cultivate and keep the Garden
    - b. Be fruitful and multiply 1:28
    - c. Don't eat from the Tree of Knowledge-or you will die v. 17
  - II. Man's Responsibility—Genesis 3:1-6
    - a. Satan's lie tempts them & they disobey God; both eat of the Tree of Knowledge
    - b. Man chooses self-rule over God's rule
  - III. Consequences
    - a. Perfect relationship with Adam & Eve was broken 3:7
    - b. They feel inadequate /experience shame (coverings & hiding)
    - c. Perfect relationship with God is broken 3:8-10
  - IV. Judgement
    - a. The woman will have pain in childbirth 3:16
    - b. The woman will want to control (desire) her husband/conflict in the relationship 4:7
    - c. Nature is cursed—thorns & thistles; work is hard 3:17-19
    - d. Banished from the Garden and the Tree of Life—thus Physical Death; 3:22-24 (Adam died 5:5 930 years old)
    - e. Adam dies spiritually and his sin/death spreads to all mankind Romans 5:12 & 18

### What the first dispensation tells us:

1. Where we came from—God created us
2. Where sin came from; Adam & Eve listened to Satan rather than God and passed it down through Adam's seed to all mankind
3. Of Someone coming who will destroy Satan 3:15
4. What man's role and place is in creation 1:26-28
5. Shows the differences between then and now
  - a. Food 1:29 they were vegetarian; Acts 10: 9-15 we are not
  - b. Rain 2:5 & 6 a mist from the ground; post-flood it rains from above
6. Of man's greatest enemy—Satan