



Bible Study 6

In The Beginning...



Genesis Summary – Life Beyond Eden

Introduction

In our lives each day, post Eden and pre heaven, we encounter a strange mix of the sweet and the bitter at the ultimate level, why does the world operate in this fashion, and will it always be so?

The Wages of Sin: the First Installment

1. What are some of the immediate consequences of the rebellion of Adam and Eve (even prior to the official pronouncement of their sentence)?
2. How are these consequences typical of ourselves when we sin?

The Wages of Sin: the Full Sentence Declared

1. Contrast the judgment declared on each of the following in relation to their pre-fallen states:
 - The Serpent
 - Eve
 - Adam

What's Wrong with This Picture? [Grace in Judgment]

1. What is strikingly absent, though entirely expected, in God's pronouncements?
2. Why do they not immediately die?
3. Where else in this passage do we find blessing hidden in God's judgment?
4. Although being kicked out of the Garden was obviously a tremendous misery, in what sense might there be an element of blessing in this as well? (cf. Romans 6:5-11).

Beyond Eden...

1. As those living this side of the fall and daily experiencing the effects of the curse, how might we learn from the contrast between....
 - a) God's solution to our deepest problem.....
versus
 - b) our feeble attempts to handle it ourselves?