



THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE FIRST SACRIFICE

GENESIS 3:20-24

Here we have the very beginning of grace—God’s unmerited favor! **ROMANS 5:6-8**

- *Adam and Eve blow it and now God responds.*
- God’s justice required punishment; but even more, His love required imposition of conditions calculated by God to make them realize their lost estate and seek salvation—so they would notice their need!

THE NEED FOR TRUE REPENTANCE

True faith in God's Word always is preceded and accompanied by repentance.

- This is evident in that Adam's attitude had changed toward Satan and toward himself, as God had spoken to him.
- He was truly sorry for his grievous mistake and was willing now simply to trust God's mercy by faith, and rest in grace for salvation.

WE ARE ALL RELATED

Adam and Eve are responsible for every person on this planet, not E.T. or evolution.

- This passage refutes the idea that there were any “***pre-Adamite men***” living in the world outside the garden, as some have speculated—including the Mormons.
- All peoples of this Earth are from Adam and Eve alone, not Martians or Moroni!

SIN IS COSTLY v. 21

Nakedness becomes a symbol of unrighteousness.

- Adam and Eve silently and sorrowfully watched as God selected two of their animal friends, probably two sheep, and slew them there, shedding their innocent blood before their eyes.
- They learned that an “atonement” (or “covering”) could only be provided by God and through the shedding of blood.
- Sin always costs the shedding of blood. **LEV. 17:11**

SIN SEPARATES v. 22-24

VERSE 22 gives a brief insight into the inner councils of the triune Godhead.

- Man had been created in God's very image, but now that image had been gravely marred and defaced by his choosing of evil.
- The penalty: God had to "drive out" the man from the garden.
- Sin will always separate you from God!

THE CHERUBIM

They are the highest in the angelic hierarchy, and are described in **EZE. 1 & 10** and **REV. 4:6-8**.

- Satan himself had once been the “*anointed cherub*” (**EZEKIEL 28:14**) on God’s holy mountain.
- The cherubim are always associated closely with God’s very presence. **PSALM 18:10; 80:1**
- The mercy seat was overshadowed by two golden representations of the cherubim.

A GLIMPSE OF THE GRACE OF GOD

The tragic story of man's disobedience is told here in Genesis chapter three.

- Adam and Eve tried to cover their guilt and shame from God, but they chose a poor coverup.
- Throughout the Scriptures, garments are symbols of righteousness—either God's all-sufficient righteousness or man's self-made righteousness.

GRACE . . . THE INNOCENT FOR THE GUILTY

The covering of salvation is of grace. The animal skins were God's gift and not in any way the work of man.

- God did it all! That is the way grace operates.
- The animal would be an innocent substitute.
- God could not obtain the skins of the substitute without putting it to death and shedding its blood.

THE LAMB HAD TO DIE

The theme of the lamb begins in this passage and continues until the grand climax in Revelation.

- There is only one way for a sinner to approach a holy God, and that is through shed blood.

HEB. 9:22

- Jesus is the completion of the picture. **2 COR. 5:21;**
1 PETER 1:18-21

TRUST IN THE LAMB AND NOT A LEAF.