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Great Disobedience:

Looking at

Sin and the Fall

Romans 5:12-21

- v. 12 – “sin entered the world through one man”
- v. 15 – “many died by the trespass of the one man”
- v. 19 – “through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners”

The Fall

The Issues:

- The two trees
- The serpent
- Did Eve add to God's word?
- Did Satan actually get it right?
- What was the actual sin of Adam and Eve?

The Fall

The two trees

Tree of Life

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

The Fall

The Serpent

2:25 “naked” *‘ārôm*;

3:1 “crafty” *‘ārûm*

The Fall

Did Eve add to God's word?

- Making it more restrictive than God himself had done?
- Adding a note of uncertainty regarding the punishment?

The Fall

Did Satan actually get it right?

⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

⁵ "For God knows that when ["on the day"] you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen 3:4-5)

Four Serpentine Statements

- You will not die
- Your eyes will be opened
- You will be like God
- You will know good and evil

- Your eyes will be opened
 - 3:7 – “the eyes of both of them were opened”
- You will be like God
 - 3:22 – “The man has now become like one of us”
- You will know good and evil
 - 3:22 – “knowing good and evil”
- You will not die
 - Adam did die – 930 years later!

A Contest Between Wisdom and Folly

Proverbs 9

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars.
- ² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city.
- ⁴ "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment.
- ⁵ "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

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Proverbs 9

- ¹³ The woman Folly is loud; she is undisciplined and without knowledge.
- ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city,
- ¹⁵ calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way.
- ¹⁶ "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment.
- ¹⁷ "Stolen water is sweet; food eaten in secret is delicious!"
- ¹⁸ But little do they know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of the grave.

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Proverbs 9

- Both Lady Wisdom and Lady Folly call out from a house
- Both houses are at the highest point of the city
- Both issue invitations to enter
- Both start out using the same words: “Let all who are simple come in here.”
- Both offer food and drink

The Upshot?

- Wisdom and folly can look “an awful lot alike.” It takes wisdom to tell the difference.
- ⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (Prov 1:7)
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Prov 9:10)
- ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. (Prov 3:7)
- ²³ The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble. (Prov 19:23)
- ¹⁸ She [wisdom] is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. (Prov 3:18)

The Fall

What was the actual sin of Adam and Eve?

- Eating the fruit of the tree?
- Not exercising dominion?
- Wanting to be wiser than God wanted them to be?
- Idolatry?
- Perverted sexuality?

Romans 5:12-21

- v. 15 – “For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!”
- v. 19 – “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”