

June's Teaching Theme: The Way of the Exile

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题目 Topic: Exile From the Garden

经文 Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24

Monthly Idea: This month's teaching theme is "Exile" and "the Way of the Exile." This theme is closely related to last month's theme of Biblical Justice and will take us 2 months to work through. The human condition is one of exile as we live in homes that are characterized by brokenness and situated in a world of brokenness. "Exile" also becomes a key identity marker for the Christian, as we give our allegiance to another Kingdom - the Kingdom of God.

As "exiles" allegiant to another King and the ethics of that Kingdom, this calls us to be people of consistent love and justice. We are to seek the welfare of our cities but never give allegiance to the nations. In our current cultural climate, that will look like standing for systematic change to bring about justice for black America. For those of us who have not experienced the black plight in America, we must love our neighbor by seeking understanding and submitting to black voices.

This week we are looking where all of the brokenness started, with the first "exile" being humanity from the garden. From this place of brokenness, choosing to define good and evil on our own terms, we continue in a pattern of creating a "Babylon" of our own making ("Hell on Earth").

Resources:

Video: [Bible Project Exile](#) [English] (Unfortunately, a Mandarin version hasn't been made yet)

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Discussion Questions:

- (1) Read Genesis 3:1-24 together. What observations do you make and what things stand out to you? Summarize the passage. What things are introduced in this passage that is characteristic of our broken home?
- (2) 创1-2章向我们显明，人与上帝的关系是亲密的，是美好的。是什么原因导致人与上帝的关系发生了变化？这对我们今天的生活有什么影响？Chapters 1&2 of Genesis shows us the intimate and beautiful relationship between God and man. What causes the change in this relationship? What is the impact of such a change on our life today?
- (3) 为什么上帝允许人被蛇试探？上帝不是全知和全能的吗，当夏娃被试探时，为什么上帝不加以拦阻？Why did God allow man to be tempted by the serpent? Isn't God all-knowing and all-powerful? Why didn't God stop Eve when she was tempted?
- (4) 透过夏娃与蛇的对话，对你我今天的的生活有什么警戒和启发。What can we learn from the conversation between Eve and the serpent? Any warnings and thoughts to help us in our life today?
- (5) 四、在你我个人的生活中，什么事情容易成为我们的试探？你认为我们胜过试探的秘诀是什么？In our own life, what are the things easily tempting us? Are there any secret

weapons to overcome Satan's temptation? (Remember these temptations are not just personal but also communal).

Important Notes:

- When we look at Genesis 3, we are introduced to some of the characteristics of the brokenness we experience in this world: Shame, Division, Unfruitful labor, Death, and the constant redefinition of good and evil to uphold our corrupted worldviews.
- Notice in Genesis 3:22-23, that "banishment" or "exile" from the garden is connected to access to the "Tree of Life." Eternal life as an option is taken away and death is introduced as God cannot allow evil to live forever wreaking havoc on his good creation ("Hell on Earth"). The "Tree of Life" is not just "living forever," but represents the fullness of goodness found in God's life. Humanity has forfeited and continues to forfeit living true life in connection to our Creation, as we seek to define good and evil by our own terms. Jesus, steps on the scene, and offers us a way home as his life becomes the "Tree of Life" for those who give their allegiance to him - renewing our access to the "Life of God."

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin):

人类的堕落

"耶和华 神所造的，惟有蛇比田野一切的活物更狡猾。蛇对女人说：「 神岂是真说不许你们吃园中所有树上的果子吗？」女人对蛇说：「园中树上的果子，我们可以吃，惟有园当中那棵树上的果子， 神曾说：『你们不可吃，也不可摸，免得你们死。』」蛇对女人说：「你们不一定死；因为 神知道，你们吃的日子眼睛就明亮了，你们便如 神能知道善恶。」于是女人见那棵树的果子好作食物，也悦人的眼目，且是可喜爱的，能使人有智慧，就摘下果子来吃了，又给她丈夫，她丈夫也吃了。他们二人的眼睛就明亮了，才知道自己是赤身露体，便拿无花果树的叶子为自己编做裙子。天起了凉风，耶和华 神在园中行走。那人和他妻子听见 神的声音，就藏在园里的树木中，躲避耶和华 神的面。耶和华 神呼唤那人，对他说：「你在哪里？」他说：「我在园中听见你的声音，我就害怕；因为我赤身露体，我便藏了。」耶和华说：「谁告诉你赤身露体呢？莫非你吃了我吩咐你不可吃的那树上的果子吗？」那人说：「你所赐给我、与我同居的女人，她把那树上的果子给我，我就吃了。」耶和华 神对女人说：「你做的是什么事呢？」女人说：「那蛇引诱我，我就吃了。」"

创世记 3:1-13 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/gen.3.1-13.cunpss-神>

人类历史是流亡的历史。流亡起源于堕落造成的罪，第一次开始流亡在伊甸园。从此以后人类开始流亡，流放的生活，离故乡， figurative and literary

"主啊，你世世代代作我们的居所。诸山未曾生出，地与世界你未曾造成，从亘古到永远，你是 神。

我们因你的怒气而消灭，因你的忿怒而惊惶。你将我们的罪孽摆在你面前，将我们的隐恶摆在你面光之中。我们经过的日子都在你震怒之下；我们度尽的年岁好像一声叹息。我们一生的年日是七十岁，若是强壮可到八十岁；但其中所矜夸的不过是劳苦愁烦，转眼成空，我们便如飞而去。"诗篇 90:1-2, 7-10

一， 堕落的原因—蛇的出现

诗90 摩西总结人生在神怒，因为我们的罪。不能享受神的平安。所以劳苦愁烦。

创1-2是很美的。一切甚好。神和被造好关系。照顾物质和心灵的需要。给人类责任，生养治理。神也给了禁令，指示我们什么是该做和不该做。

有一天和神关系改变了。为什么？创3：1。蛇出现。为什么会有蛇？为什么神允神出现？为什么神不保守我们不被引诱？

上帝按神形象造我们。让我们有独立的个性。尊重祂造的人。让人有自由，作选择。有主权和决定的人，不是机器人。而是有神的样子。也是神的旨意。当人在挑战时主动的寻找服从神的旨意。不是被迫的。每人会被试探，就是耶稣也被试探。来5：8 **"他虽然为儿子，还是因所受的苦难学了顺从。"**

希伯来书 5:8 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/heb.5.8.cunpss>-神。耶稣虽在苦难中但还是顺服。主给我们树榜样。

人类堕前有撒旦存在。蛇比一切更狡猾。比其他动物最精明，明智，狡猾。造蛇时是精明的明智的。灵巧象蛇。撒旦会找精敏的动物-蛇来达目标。会用能人开刀。

"他的妻子对他说：「你仍然持守你的纯正吗？你弃掉 神，死了吧！」"约伯记 2:9

约伯妻说诅咒神吧。

主曾对彼得说，撒旦离我。**"从此，耶稣才指示门徒，他必须上耶路撒冷去，受长老、祭司长、文士许多的苦，并且被杀，第三日复活。彼得就拉着他，劝他说：「主啊，万不可如此！这事必不临到你身上。」耶稣转过来，对彼得说：「撒旦，退我后边去吧！你是绊我脚的；因为你不体贴 神的意思，只体贴人的意思。」"**马太福音 16:21-23

这里看到能干的能被撒旦利用。撒旦用我们周围精明的人成为它的媒体来达到它的目的。

二， 人堕落的过程—听蛇的话

夏娃改变了神的话语，"不一定死"。原文必定不死。创5，进一步歪曲神的旨意，蛇说"吃了和神一样"。夏娃听蛇话后的反应。创3：6。人接受蛇的说，就把上帝的旨意成相对的真理。**"蛇对女人说：「你们不一定死；因为 神知道，你们吃的日子眼睛就明亮了，你们便如 神能知道善恶。」**于是女人见那棵树的果子好作食物，也悦人的眼目，且是可喜爱的，能使人有智慧，就摘下果子来吃了，又给她丈夫，她丈夫也吃了。"创世纪 3:4-6

gen.3.4-6.cunpss-神吃后，眼睛亮，悦人眼目，夏娃见了，经过自己大脑处理后的结果，接下来就有行动。摘下，自己吃和给丈夫吃。过程，从耳和情感到思维到行动。求神保守我们的眼和耳和思想，

三， 人堕落的结果—关系的破裂

眼睛明亮了但不觉得好而是害怕。犯罪也是如此，犯罪前美好憧憬，罪后的犯罪感。

亚当吃了没死，但指关系破裂。花叶的比喻。关系破裂就是永远的死。为什么上帝让叶继续绿，犯罪后为什么不死，因神爱，给悔改的机会。神说你在那里，神给机会悔改，祂虽知道他们在那里。给我们活在世人让我们悔改。

和人关系也破裂，怪太太，那个女人

和上帝关系破裂-怪上帝

和自己关系破裂-羞耻，吃了果子虽有善恶感但回不去以前和神关系的美好。

和自然关系破裂-人犯罪后和万物也破坏，凉风thorns

总结

表面是蛇

人用自由来选择蛇

今天我们有试探，神尊重我们的自由。

但应许我们可以依靠祂。

哥前10:13, 试探不过忍受的, "你们所遇见的试探, 无非是人所能受的。 神是信实的, 必不叫你们受试探过于所能受的; 在受试探的时候, 总要给你们开一条出路, 叫你们能忍受得住。"

哥林多前书 10:13 CUNPSS-神

<https://www.bible.com/48/1co.10.13.cunpss-神>

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3:1-13

Peter Tian

I have prayed earnestly lately for the resumption of worship in person at church.

Last week pastor Will shared about the exile and the third way of living in exile. Although the Israelites came back from exile, they still lived the life of exile. Today we explore together the first exile of mankind, the root and the beginning of all exiles, the fall of man.

Psalms 90:7-10 "We wither beneath your anger; we are overwhelmed by your fury. You spread out our sins before you— our secret sins—and you see them all. We live our lives beneath your wrath, ending our years with a groan. Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away."

Moses summarized the life after we left god, after we broke the relationship with god. We lived under the wrath of god because our iniquities lay bare for god to see

No small secret can be hidden from god. Our sinful lives fill with sorrow

This was not the life god desired for us at the creation. Look at genesis c1 and c2. We were made in the image of god. He said 'all is good' after the creation—the relationship between god and humanity was in harmony.

In the garden, all the needs of man were met. He provided food and partner, and commanded Adam and Eve to care about the creation, and list of what to do & what not to do. What caused the change between god and man?

1. The reason for man's fall—a serpent appeared Gen.3:1

Many people were mad about the serpent, what if the serpent never appeared, Adam and Eve might had never fallen. Why didn't god prevent this? In our life today why doesn't god give us the immunity not fallen into temptation. Because God created man, independent and free. He put man between the tree of good/evil and tree of life/death to make own choices. He didn't interfere, respect people's right as a person. God didn't create a robot but in his image with free will.

What is the will of obedience? To choose God during the time of challenge.

From the Bible we know each of us will be tempted in this world, even the son of god was tempted. Jesus was tempted even before his ministry started.

"Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered." Hebrews 5:8 NLT
Who was the snake when he was created? Did god, an all powerful creator, create an evil creature? Before man fell, the evil spirit was already existed. Satan used the serpent. The Bible says the serpent is more crafty than other animals. The smartest. The original Hebrew word means crafty, shrewd, sensible, not a negative word. The snake was not a nasty creature when created. Jesus asked us to be as shrewd as snake.

Satan was good at finding people, the smart one, to use them

Look at the book of Job. The worst attack Job faced was from his wife—curse god and die! Job2:9-10

In Matthew 16:21-23 when Jesus told his disciples about the His death on the cross, Peter, the disciple who loved Jesus his teacher, didn't want him to go on the path of the cross. Satan used Peter to attack Jesus. Therefore Jesus said Satan apart from me, even peter was not Satan! Unconsciously used by the enemy

2. The process of the fall—Liston to the word of Satan

To doubt about god, are you sure the fruit was not allowed to eat?

Change the content

Minus, increase, and change god's word when Eve was not quite clear about God's word

You will DEFINITELY not die. Serpent denied god's word, made them doubt and twisted the meaning of the words. Also he appeared as a friend, fighting for the fairness for his friend.

As soon as man starts to doubt god, his actions follow suit— her eyes move with her heart, then she ate the fruit, also gave it to her husband

So NO sin comes suddenly

From ear, to heart (emotion), to eye, to mind, to action

3. Consequence of the fall—the broken relationship

The relationship between god and man: from intimate to hidden from

They didn't get smart, beautiful longing turned into shame, hid from god

Did they actually die?

Died in spirit, separated from god, relationship was broken

Like two leaves, one picked out from the plant, look alike on the surface, but will wither eventually

Man didn't die right away physically, but allowed more years in their life. Merciful god gave man time for repent and return.

Adam, where are you? Omnipresent god knows all, a chance of repentance, many during the following conversation

Man relationship with each other broken too, from intimate to pointing fingers

Adam and Eve blamed each other, finding excuses for own responsibilities

Broken relationship with self: from acceptance to shame

Their open eyes made them see their own shame. Man doesn't accept self any more.

Broken relationship of man with nature, from yield to against

God above man, man above all creatures—the order of creation

Man doesn't submit the god, nature rebels against man

Cool air in the garden

Thistles growing in the garden

In summary

All the broken relationship on the surface seems the result of serpent's temptation, but in reality man chose to sin by his free will, even though god had provided the way to resist the temptation

In today's world, we will always face temptation, not because god don't love us, even though He doesn't forsake us. He promises to be our help in any moment.

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure."

1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

Pray for our making the right choice during trials