



LADIES OF RENOWN

The Voice You Listen To Genesis 2:18-3:20

Big Idea: When we trust the wrong voice, sin enters – but God’s grace still pursues us.

I. God’s Voice Establishes Identity and Purpose [Genesis 2:18, 22, 25]

Application: If you don’t anchor your identity in what God has said, you will drift toward whatever voice is the loudest.

II. Competing Voices Distort God’s Truth - Progression [Genesis 3:1-7]

- A. Serpent:** Questions God’s Word [3:1]
 - B. Eve:** Downgrades What God Said [3:2-3]
 - C. Serpent:** Denies God’s Word [3:4-5]
 - D. Eve:** Trusts What She Sees and Feels [3:6]
- Application:** You don’t fall apart all at once— you drift by degrees.

III. God’s Voice Pursues and Redeems [Genesis 3:8-15]

- A. Shame** replaces Innocence [3:7]
 - B. Hiding** replaces Fellowship [3:8]
 - C. Blame** replaces Responsibility [3:12]
- God is not withdrawing - He is Pursuing**
Application: When you sin, your instinct is to hide. God’s invitation is for you to come back.

In **Genesis 2:18–25**, God declares that [it is not good for man to be alone - v. 18] and creates Eve as a fitting partner for Adam. Formed intentionally from Adam’s side, [“The rib... he made into a woman...” - v. 21-22] she is brought to him, and together they enter a unified, intimate relationship—marked by oneness, harmony, and complete absence of shame. [“They were both naked and were not ashamed.” - v.25]

[**Genesis 3:1**] Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

[**Matthew 10:16, 2 Corinthians 11:3, Revelation 12:9, 20:2**] He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

[**Genesis 3:2-3**] And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” [2:17]

[**Genesis 3:4-5**] But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. [3:13, John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:3]

⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

[**Genesis 3:6**] So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, [1 Timothy 2:14] and he ate. [3:12,17, Hosea 6:7]

[**Genesis 3:7**] Then the eyes of both were opened, [3:5] and they knew that they were naked. [2:25] And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

In **Genesis 3:8–15**, Adam and Eve hide from God in shame after sin enters the world, and when confronted, they shift blame instead of confessing. Yet God pursues them, judges the serpent, and gives the first promise of a coming Savior who will ultimately defeat evil.

Study Question [Challenge and Prayer]

Question: Where in your life are you most tempted to trust another voice over what God has clearly said?

Challenge: For the next 7 days, intentionally evaluate what is shaping your thoughts:

- [a] Turn down one voice that is distracting or spiritually unhelpful (ex: constant noise, social media scrolling, negative self-talk)
- [b] Tune in to God’s voice daily (even 10–15 minutes in Scripture — especially revisiting Genesis 2–3 or a Psalm each day)
- [c] When you notice drift - adjust - lean into someone you trust to help keep you accountable.
- [d] When you catch yourself believing something that doesn’t align with God’s Word, pause and correct it out loud or in prayer.
- [e] Practice quick confession. Don’t hide. When you sin, immediately bring it to God instead of letting shame build.

Simple daily question: “Whose voice shaped my thinking the most today?”

Prayer: Ask God to [1] help you recognize the voices you’re listening to and give you discernment to choose His, and [2] to draw you back quickly when you drift and anchor you in His truth, teaching you to trust Him above all else.