

The Covenant of Creation

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1. Have you ever heard someone say that there are so many rules to Christianity? As you look at the first covenant that was made between God and Adam in **Genesis 1:28 & 2:16-17**, how many rules do you see?
2. Do the parameters set in the Garden of Eden seem like a tall task? (It might be helpful to imagine someone gifting you a tropical getaway and tell you to enjoy everything about the island except one little harbor where sharks congregated because you would surely get chomped. Would that be difficult?)
3. How does the covenant of creation reveal God's design for marriage? How does it reveal the proper relationship between people and creation? How has the curse of sin impacted both of these areas?
4. What does it mean to subdue the earth? What are examples of subduing the earth in relation to plants, raw material, animals, time?
5. Why do you think that God had placed a tree that could bring death in the middle of the garden? Was God trying to tempt Adam & Eve with something shouldn't have (**James 1:13**)?
6. What is the process of falling into sin according to **Genesis 3:1-7**? Have you seen that process in your own life? How did sin impact people's relationship with God in **Genesis 3:8-10**?
7. Who was the one that realized it wasn't good for man to be alone and acted upon it in **Genesis 2:18**? How do people get caught up believing that God doesn't have their good in mind today?
8. There were two messages given to Adam and Eve about the one fruit. "You will die" and "You will be like God" are two very different messages. The same can be said today with the daily circumstances we face. Why is it important to understand that God works for our good and Satan works for our destruction? What was the ultimate cost of one piece of fruit in **Genesis 3**?
9. As we look over the creation account with God's provision in all things good (**Genesis 1**), His warning of things destructive (**Genesis 2**), and His promise of deliverance and restoration (**Genesis 3**), we see that He is the great initiator. He initiates covenants and is loyal to us through them. How should this impact our approach to and worship of God?
10. Have you ever broken something beyond repair? What do you do with that object upon that realization? How has God promised to deal with something that is seemingly beyond repair in **Genesis 3:15**? (We will see this further developed through the other covenants.)