

**LORD'S DAY 3**

**[CLASS DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2017]**

**Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class**

Genesis 3:1-5:3; Psalm 14; Romans 1:18-32

**QUESTION 6.**

**Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?**

ANSWER. No, on the contrary, God created man good<sup>1</sup> and in His image,<sup>2</sup> that is, in true righteousness and holiness,<sup>3</sup> so that he might rightly know God His Creator,<sup>4</sup> heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify Him.<sup>5</sup>

**QUESTION 7**

**From where, then, did man's depraved nature come?**

ANSWER. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise,<sup>1</sup> for there our nature became so corrupt<sup>2</sup> that we are all conceived and born in sin.<sup>3</sup>

**QUESTION 8**

**But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined to all evil?**

ANSWER. Yes,<sup>1</sup> unless we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.<sup>2</sup>

## Proof Texts for Lord's Day 3

### Lords Day 03 [Q&A 06.1]

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### Lords Day 03 [Q&A 06.2]

**Genesis 1:26, 27** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

### Lords Day 03 [Q&A 06.3]

**Ephesians 4:24** ...and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

### Lords Day 03 [Q&A 06.4]

**Colossians 3:10** ...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

### Lords Day 03 [Q&A 06.5]

**Psalms 8** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### Lords Day 03 [Q&A 07.1]

**Genesis 3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 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.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 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, and ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said,  
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever —” therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life..

### **Lords Day 03 [Q&A 07.2]**

**Romans 5:12, 18, 19** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ....Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### **Lords Day 03 [Q&A 07.3]**

**Psalms 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

### **Lords Day 03 [Q&A 08.1]**

**Genesis 6:5** The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually;

**Genesis 8:21** And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.;

**Job 14:4** Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one;

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### **Lords Day 03 [Q&A 08.2]**

**John 3:3-5** Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.