GENESIS CHAPTER 3

PRINCIPAL: GENESIS 1:11-12 "Seed-bearing plants and trees will reproduce through their seed, after it's kind."

Genesis 2: 8 - 9, 2:15 - 17, Luke 6:43-44, II 2 Corinthians 11;14 -15, Romans 5:12

I. 1. Why were the trees planted in the middle of the garden? Was it a trap or a warning for men?

2. Was the fruit on the tree of <u>KNOWLEDGE</u> of "Good and Evil" (Knowledge - how do we use the knowledge that God gives us) poisonous, and they would drop dead if they ate it, or what was it what it would knowledge for them spiritually and physically, in the choice they would make to eat it?

3. Since we have learned by creation of the world, all was good, and perfect with the introduction of a tree, the Knowledge we gain from the tree of good and evil, shows that in this world, just as light and darkness, there will be evil, and Satan will be the source of evil. God is never the source of evil, does this show that there is Spiritual Warfare, for the souls of man, from the beginning?

4. If 'The Tree of Knowledge' cause us to focus our attention upon ourselves, away from God, which is Sin, empowering us to choose self-righteousness which will lead to death, or the TREE of Life, (the cross):

What can we learn from the temptation of Eve, so we can be wise and choose Life and Jesus.

- a. 3:4 What was Satan's approach? How did he tempt her to question God?
- b. Eve desires to be like God and don't we all desire to be like God?
- c. Eve saw it was good for food, don't we need food to live?

- d. Eve saw it was pleasing to the eye? Does not every picture on TV attract us to beauty as we perceive it, how can we discern what is good for us and how to obtain the beauty we desire, we need to be guided and directed by God, and not our greed?
- e. Why do we know what is good? What is beauty? What is really satisfying? What will give us life or death?
- f. Who sets my values, me or God?

5. RESULTS OF EVE'S ENCOUNTER WITH SATAN

- 1. EYES WERE OPENED?
- 2. REALIZED THEY WERE NAKED (SHAME)
- 3. TRIED TO COVER THEIR SHAME
- 4. DESTROYED THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
- 5. DESTROYED THEIR PERFECT RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER (ADAM AND EVE)

How do I question God, how do I set my values on my wisdom not ask God for wisdom, how am I desiring to be righteous in my own eyes, and not accept and praise God for the TREE (THE CROSS) AND ACCEPT JESUS RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHEN HE TOOK UPON HIMSELF MY SHAME, MY SIN, MY LOST CONDITION?