

Over the next five weeks, we are going to unpack the New Covenant, building by building, starting with the Fall of Man block by block.

“What just happened?” A snapshot:

1. Sin enters the world and relationship with God is shattered.

Genesis 3:6-7 (NLT) - The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

2. A relational God sets in motion the plan for restoring relationship.

Genesis 3:8-9 (NLT) - When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

3. God delivers that plan through ‘covenants’, or agreements, and those are delivered in stages.

Genesis 3:21 (NLT) - And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Study Guide

1. How much experience do you have with contracts or similar agreements? Have you ever found yourself in violation of a contract? What was that experience like?
2. Take a few moments and refamiliarize yourself with the story of the Fall of Man, found in Genesis 3 and 4. Take a few notes. What stands out to you?
3. What can you learn about God’s character as you ponder this story? How can that be applied to your life?
4. For the keeners among us, take a glance at the following passages, in order to further clarify the commitment of God to covenant relationships:
 - Genesis 17:9
 - Exodus 20:1-17
 - Deuteronomy 30:15-18
 - Romans 8:3-4
5. Take a moment (or a lifetime!) to thank God for the New Covenant that we get to experience in Jesus!