Paradise Lost
PART VII
Genesis 3:20-24

Main Thought Paradise is lost in this tragedy: TEMPTER (1a), TEMPTATION (1b-5), SIN (6), CONSEQUENCES (7-8), JUDGMENT (9-19), and EPILOGUE (20-24).

EPILOGUE OF HOPE (20-24).

NEW NAME (20).

• For the second time (HEB=’issant – woman [2:23]) Adam named his wife for something new had happened like with Abram (17:5) and Sarai (17:15).
• This new name revealed Adam’s immediate faith in the promise of the protoevangelium (15). He realized that his wife, through her progeny, would give birth to the Savior (Gal. 4:4).
• Thus he named his wife EVE – “the mother of all the living.” What faith! What hope! What belief! Eve would acknowledge God too (4:1). They accepted their lot in a fallen world with faith that the Savior would come.

NEW CLOTHING (21).

• Adam and Eve’s homemade “fig leaves” were totally inadequate to cover their shame. Our self efforts and self-righteousness fall short (Eph. 2:8-9).
• In one sentence, God does for the couple what they could not do for themselves. He fully covers them (HEB-’katheph – from the shoulder where garments hang) with “garments of skin” like Joseph’s coat (same word – 37:3).
• Vegetation would not suffice for it was inanimate and would quickly grow back. An animal had life (HEB-’nephesh) like man. It would cause Adam and Eve to relive the pain of their sin. This was the first of anything in God’s creation to die (Rom. 6:23). There were no cheap, quick fixes to sin as Abel (blood sacrifice) was saved while Cain (fruit) was not (1 John 3:12).

NEW HOME (22-24).

• Because man lost his innocence and would now determine right and wrong for himself having become like God (US – plural of majesty [1:27]), he was prohibited from living forever in his trespasses and sins (1 Cor. 15:36, 42-44).
• God now cleanses his temple-garden from all that is sinful just as Jesus would do (John 2:12-16). This is certainly the picture of heaven (Rev. 21:27).
• God banishes them from this sacred space and places a cherubim angel (divine body guards – Ezek. 28:14; Isa. 14:13) with a flaming sword flashing back and forth to forbid re-entry.
• The only way we can re-enter God’s sacred space is through the blood of Jesus (Heb. 10:19-22). God desires to make you his sacred space (1 Cor. 6:19).