

Trusting in the Goodness of God

God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption

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From Perversion to Provision

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1. Adam's perversion.

- a. Adam perverted the way to _____.
- b. Adam perverted the way to _____.

2. God's protection.

- a. God protected Adam from _____.
- b. God protected Adam from an eternal _____.

3. Jesus' provision.

- a. Jesus is the _____.
- b. Jesus is the _____.
- c. Jesus is the _____.

Questions for Discussion

- Take some time to flesh out what Adam and Eve came to know when they ate of the tree. In what ways did they now *know* evil? How would these things make *good* more visible to them?
- God had intended that they come to a knowledge of good and evil by obedience. How would obeying have resulted in their *knowing* good and evil? How do you grow in knowledge through obedience?
- Why did God drive them out of the garden (cf. v 22)? From what was God protecting them?
- Discuss the idea that death, in this context, is actually a blessing? From what does death deliver them? In what ways is the death of a believer a deliverance and blessing?
- These passages speak of *knowledge* (v 22), *life* (v 22, 24), and a *way* (v 24). How would you connect Jesus' statement in John 14:6 with these ideas (cf. also Jn. 17:3)? Why do these things matter?



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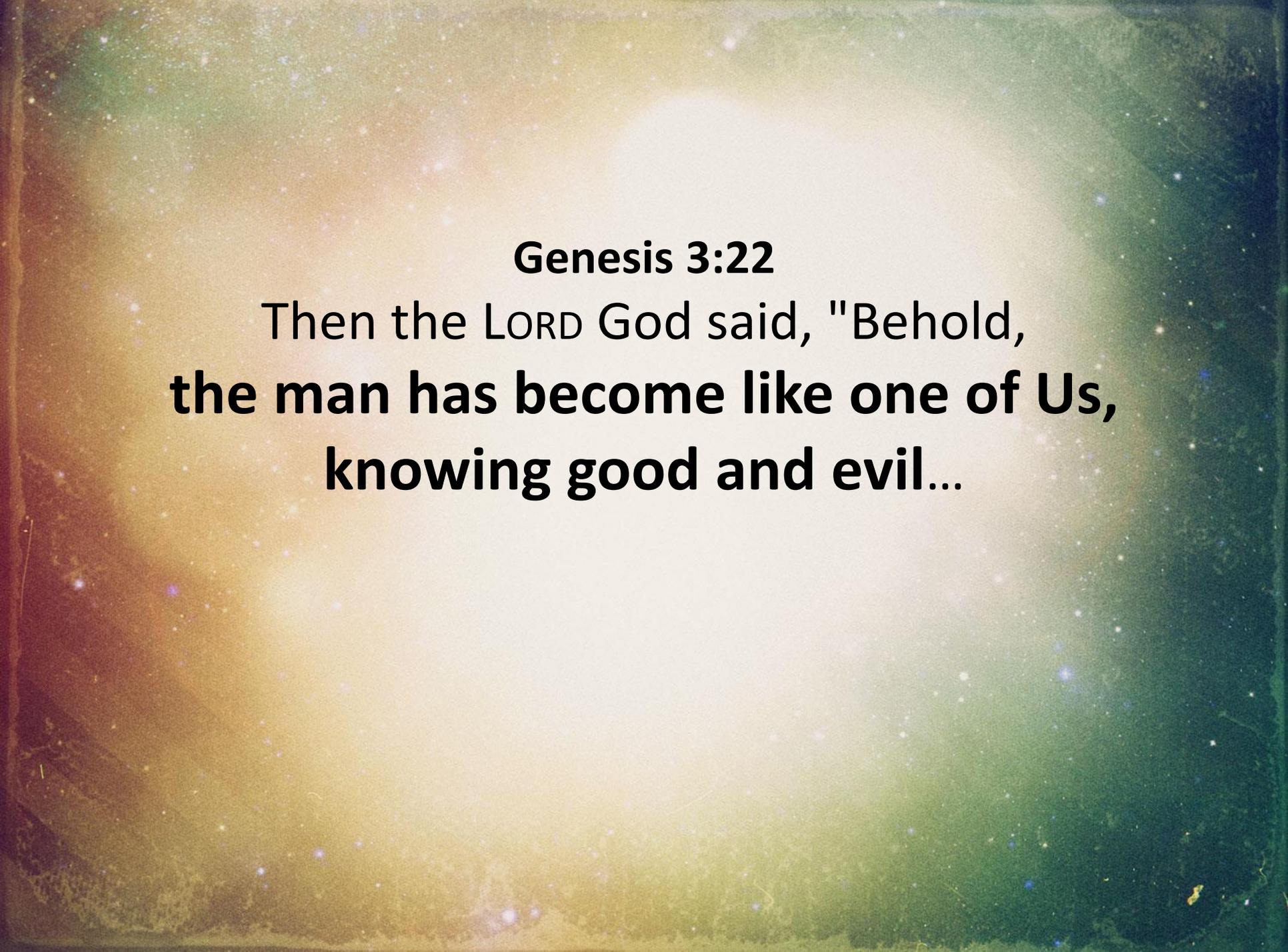
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Likeness to God was completed by their experiential knowledge of good and evil.

"Behold, the **man has become** like one of Us, knowing good and evil..."

Adam's Perversion

Adam perverted the way
to knowledge.

God's way to knowledge

Genesis 2:17

...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.

*God's way was obedience
due to faith.*

Satan's way to knowledge

Genesis 3:5

“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

*Satan's way was disobedience
due to distrust.*

God desires that you grow in a
knowledge of good and evil.

Which way are you taking?

Adam's Perversion

Adam perverted the way to knowledge.

Adam perverted the way to life.

Genesis 3:24

So He drove the man out;
and at the east of the garden of Eden
He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming
sword which turned every direction,
to guard **the way to the tree of life.**

*God had made a way to eternal life,
but Adam closed it.*

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*Do you see that God also
protects you from yourself?*

Psalm 121

The LORD will protect you from all evil;
He will keep your soul. (v 7)

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God protected Adam from
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*Do you see that God is also
protecting you from an eternal
separation!*

1 Peter 1:5

...who are **protected by the power of God**
through faith for a salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time.

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Colossians 2:3

...in *Christ* are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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John 5:26

For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself.

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