

Genesis 3:22-24

□ Monday - The Tri-unity of God. Genesis 3:22

“Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of *Us*, knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:22). We were introduced to this kind of dialogue within the godhead in chapter one; there we read, “Then God said, “Let *Us* make man in *Our* image, according to *Our* likeness” (Gen. 1:26). There is one God (Deut. 6:4), who eternally subsists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is a profound mystery, supported by God’s Word, and an essential truth of the Christian faith.

Read Genesis 11:7, Isaiah 6:8

□ Tuesday - This World is Not our Home. Genesis 3:22

After the Fall, God denied Adam and Eve access to the tree of life, lest they live forever in their sinful condition (Gen. 3:22). But even after the Fall (4000 BC) man’s life expectancy was close to 1000 years (Gen. 5). Yet by the time of the Flood (2344 BC) mankind had become so corrupt that God further limited his life span to 120 years (Gen. 6:3), and by the time of David (1000 BC) it was 70-80 years (Psa. 90:10). Yet, for the Christian this is an act of God’s mercy. For this fallen world is not our home (Phil. 3:20), and the best is yet to come (Rom. 8:18, 2 Cor. 4:17)

Read Philippians 1:21, 2 Corinthians 5:8

□ Wednesday - Set your Affections on Things Above. Genesis 3:23

After the Fall, “The Lord God sent [Adam] out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken” (Gen 3:23). But left to its own, the ground would no longer produce luscious fruit, but thorns and thistles (Gen. 3:18). By the sweat of his brow (Gen 3:19), Adam would have to cultivate the earth to make it bear any fruit at all. Life was easy in Eden, but now it would be hard. But even in this we see the wisdom of God, who uses the difficulties of this life to wean our affections off of this fallen world. Christian, set your affections on things above, not on the things of earth. Read Colossians 3:1-3

□ Thursday - Guardians of the Galaxy. Genesis 3:24

“The Lord God ... 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” (Gen. 3:23-24). The cherubim described here and in Ezekiel chapters 1 and 10, and the seraphim described in Isaiah 6:1-4, and the four living creatures described in Revelation 12:6-8, may be the same creatures, who: [1] are around the throne of God (Isa. 6:2, Ezek. 1:26, Rev. 4:6), [2] declare God’s holiness (Isa. 6:3, Rev. 4:8), and [3] restrict access to God (Gen. 3:24). For God is transcendently holy, and no unclean thing can dwell in His presence (Psa. 5:4)

Read Revelation 4:8-11

□ Friday - Enter into His Presence. Genesis 3:24

“So [God] 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” (Gen. 3:24). That cherubim were pictured in the tabernacle, embroidered on the curtain leading into the holy of holies, guarding the way into the presence of God (Ex. 26:31-33). Yet when Christ died, the veil in the temple was torn in two; that is, all obstacles were removed keeping man from the presence of God. Read Matthew 27:45-54, Hebrews 10:19-22