

**A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW OF FALL & REDEMPTION:  
THE GRASS IS NEVER GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF  
GOD’S FENCE**

Job 28; Genesis 3:1-7

## INTRODUCTION

1. Creation: *Where did we come from, and who are we?* This is addressed in Gen.1-2
2. Fall: *What has gone wrong with the world?* This is addressed in Genesis 3.
3. Redemption: *What can be done to fix the world?* The answer to this begins in Genesis 3:15 and is developed throughout the rest of the Old Testament.

## REVIEW

- God has given us a desire to know. . He created us with the desire to exercise dominion, to rule, and to subdue (Gen.1:28).
- God has set boundaries over creation and He has also set limits and boundaries to our pursuit of knowledge.
- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was a boundary (Gen.2:16,17).
- Adam and Eve questioned the authority of God to set boundaries. The serpent tempted Eve by saying that knowledge could be obtained through disobedience to God’s Word (Gen.3:5)

## I. BOUNDARIES GOD HAS ESTABLISHED

- A. God has set boundaries for us in His Word (Deut.29:29; Rev.10:3,4).
- B. God has set boundaries for us in salvation (John 14:6,7; Acts 4:12).
- C. God has set boundaries for us in His worship (John 4:24).
- D. God has set boundaries for the Lord’s Table (1 Corinthians 11:27,28).
- E. God has set boundaries for children – 5<sup>th</sup> commandment (Exodus 20:12).
- F. God has set boundaries for parents, “Fathers, do not exasperate your children.” (Eph.6:4)
- G. God has set boundaries in time – there is a time for everything (Ecc.3:1-10)
- H. God has set moral boundaries for us that should not be trespassed (Exodus 20:1-18).

## **II. BOUNDARIES SCIENCE & GOVERNMENT HAVE OR ARE TRYING TO CROSS**

(Gen.3:1-6; Job 28; Psalm 111:10; Prov.1:7; 9:10; 14:12; 15:33; 16:25; Ecc.12:13)

- A. God has set boundaries on how we obtain knowledge. God's Word gives boundaries in the fields of medicine, reproduction, and technology. There are many examples of using human beings as "guinea pigs":
1. Nazi experiments on Jews, homosexuals, gypsies and anyone considered inferior to the Nazi race.
    - a. Freezing/Hypothermia
    - b. Genetics
    - c. Infectious Diseases
    - d. Interrogation and Torture
    - e. Killing/Genocide
    - f. High Altitude
    - f. Pharmacological
    - g. Sterilization
    - h. Surgery and Traumatic Injuries
  2. Tuskegee medical experiments (1932-1972)
  3. In the 1940s the United States government injected humans with plutonium and uranium without their knowledge or consent.
  4. Between 1949 and 1969 the Army released radioactive compounds in 239 cities to study the effects.
  5. In the 1940s and early 1950s researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology fed mentally retarded people oatmeal containing minute amounts of radioactive material to study its effects.
  6. In 1940 four hundred prisoners in Chicago were infected with Malaria in order to study the effects of new and experimental drugs to combat the disease. Nazi doctors on trial at Nuremberg cite this American study to defend their own actions during the Holocaust.
  7. In 1942 Chemical Warfare Services began mustard gas experiments on approximately 4,000 servicemen. The experiments continued until 1945 and made use of Seventh Day Adventists who conscientiously objected to serving active duty.
  8. In 1990 more than 1500 six-month old black and hispanic babies in Los Angeles were given an "experimental" measles vaccine that had never been licensed for use in the United States. The Center for Disease Control later admitted that parents were never informed that the vaccine being injected to their children was experimental.
  9. In 1995 the U.S. Government admitted that it had offered salaries and immunity from prosecution to Japanese war criminals and scientists who had performed human medical experiments in exchange for data on biological warfare research.
  10. In 1995 Dr. Garth Nicolson, uncovered evidence that the biological agents used during the Gulf War had been manufactured in Houston, TX and Boca Raton, FL and tested on prisoners in the Texas Department of Corrections.
  11. Today the raging ethical debate is using human embryos or cloning human embryos and then destroying them for the purpose of extracting their stem cells.
- B. God has set boundaries in politics (Psalm 2).
1. Some 40,000,000 unborn children have been killed in the U.S. in the last 29 years.
  2. "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life." (majority decision in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* [1992]) (compare Genesis 3:1-6!)

## **QUESTIONS FOR SABBATH DISCUSSION & MEDITATION:**

*Take what you have learned this morning and make it into a prayer for yourself, your family, the church and/or your nation. Remember that prayer consists in Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication (Feel free to use the outline for praying).*

*Why are many Americans unaware of our nation's history of human experimentation and human rights violations? Are things getting any better...Are we evolving to a higher morality?*

*Role-play and debate the issue of human cloning. Have one person argue for the merits of cloning and the other argue from a biblical worldview why it is wrong.*

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