THE DIVINE PATTERN OF OBEDIENCE AND BLESSING, PARTS 2B, 3 *from* GEN 3; 2 COR 11:3

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In the beginning, the Lord God established the pattern of our unique relationship to him. This three-part sermon explores the nature of that pattern, its violation in the fall, and its implications for our walk with the Lord as his church. The Scriptures exhort us to believe that joyful harmony between us and God—as well as one another—comes only as we yield our hearts to God's pattern of obedience.

Previously:

1. The Establishment of the Pattern (Gen 1, 2)
   God said . . . And it was so . . . And it was good.

2. The Testimony of the Pattern
   What we proclaim when we follow God's divine pattern of obedience.

3. The Violation of the Pattern (Gen 3)
   a. Why did Eve disobey God?

Today:

   b. What do we proclaim with our lives when we do not follow God's divine pattern of obedience?

      (1) I want control.

      (2) I deserve glory.

      (3) I can ignore God.

      (4) I cannot trust God.

      (5) I love myself.

      (6) I worship myself.

4. The Reestablishment of the Pattern (2 Cor 11:2–4, 13–15)

   a. The church is called to model obedience as *a pure virgin to Christ* (v. 2).

   b. We must not be led astray again! For just *as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning*, we may be *led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ* (v. 3).