

**PARAPHRASE OF THE  
THIRD AND FOURTH  
CHAPTERS OF GENESIS**

*A song from the Old Testament of  
the Bible, what man was like  
when he was created by God, how  
he was then spoiled and when he  
was then newly remade.*

Well, sing, sing all people,  
rejoice always!  
Because of God's goodness  
always give thanks to God.  
God gave us his own son,  
and did miraculous things with  
him:  
remember them in order.

With him he created the earth and  
the heavens:  
in heaven his family,  
all good and beautiful things on  
earth,  
the husband, and then wife.  
And he married the two of them  
and bestowed on them all creation  
to serve them.

Among all of creation  
God loved man the most.  
In him He prepared His church,  
He created him in His own image  
so he would be wise and just,  
always healthy and alive, so he  
would properly work  
and always dwell with God.

But what did the serpent do – the  
devil,  
who hates all believers?  
It seduced Eve and also Adam  
so they believed him  
and doubted God  
and consumed forbidden fruit.

Thus man lost his way in sin,  
because he listened to the serpent.  
He broke God's commandment,  
he became an enemy of God,  
he became wicked and foolish,  
and now the devil has authority  
over him  
and he is subject to death.

Yet what did the Lord God do,  
the holy Trinity itself?

He made a hidden, wise  
resolution.

Justice wanted that man would be,  
together with the devil,  
cursed and forever live in hell.

But God's grace didn't want to  
neglect mankind  
so grace said to justice:  
Here is what we will do.  
We will grant grace to mankind,  
save all believers from  
judgement,  
and get rid of the devil.

Then the Father said to the Son,  
You have to become human;  
in order for you to resist the devil,  
you have to pay for sins.  
Because of your suffering  
the people who will believe in  
you  
will become blessed once again.

Then God Himself went into the  
garden of paradise,  
and for the first time He began to  
get angry.  
He said: Adam, are you afraid?  
Are you starting to feel ashamed?  
The reason is, you did were doing  
it wrong and you have become a  
foolish sinner  
and you did evil to Me – and to  
yourself.

Now God cursed the serpent.  
He said to the two humans;  
You, husband, will suffer in work  
but the wife in pregnancy.  
Someday you both will have to  
die  
and be buried in the ground  
from which you were taken.

But this will be your consolation,  
both of you remember this:  
My Son will help you,  
who is my grace.  
He alone will carry your sin  
and redeem you from death,  
when He comes to you on earth.

Just as the devil did to the wife,  
so the wife's offspring  
will crush the head of the serpent,  
and he'll take all power from the  
devil.  
They will hate each another very  
much,  
they will battle with miracles,  
the devil will bite the offspring in  
the heel.

Adam understood everything  
God said to him.  
He believed in God's promise,  
he loved God again.  
That which God assigned to him  
he gladly suffered  
because God's promise comforted  
him.

Adam always told his own family  
about this.  
Abel understood his sermon  
and knew God's will;  
he served God with true faith.  
This grieved Cain  
and he killed Abel.

People, remember all of this  
and understand it correctly.  
Get to know God and yourself  
rightly.  
Likewise learn  
how man came into sin  
and how Jesus saved him –  
the Gospel testifies about this.

With Adam's sin we all  
became evil sinners.  
But to those who by faith seek  
grace through Jesus,  
all sins will be forgiven,  
they will get saved,  
they will have eternal life.

Our Father, we ask  
in Jesus name  
together with the Holy Spirit,  
that we could be born again,  
that we could believe in your Son,  
that everyone would hear;  
honor unto You. Amen.