

In the Garden—Genesis 3

Adam and Eve Sin

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. 1 John 2:15-17
2. Romans 5:12; 2 Corinthians 11:3
3. Job 31:33
4. 1 Timothy 2:11-12

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Before the Flood.**

III. Summary.

The serpent by subtlety begins to tempt Eve to disobey God. He seeks to get Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. Eve ADDS to God's word to them by telling the serpent that God had said, "neither shall ye touch it." Satan likewise ADDS to God's word by inserting the word NOT into the prohibition. He attempts to explain why God has restricted them by telling a lie about them becoming God-like as a result of eating.

Rather than fleeing from this temptation, Eve remained at the forbidden tree and mulled things over in her mind. It looked good, would be good for food, would provide for her need of self-esteem—so she was overcome and partook of the fruit. She gave to her husband and he also ate of this fruit which God had said they must not eat. Now recognizing their nakedness they sewed fig leaves together into aprons. When God called for them they were fearfully and certainly without success attempting to hide themselves. When God called for him, Adam explained that he was afraid because he was naked, and hid himself. God asked how he knew he was naked (not to be informed, but to focus in on the disobedience that had taken place). Adam began to blame Eve and Eve blamed the serpent.

God had a curse to place upon the serpent. The first reference to the great scheme of redemption is given in this third chapter of God's revelation at verse 15. There was a punishment for the woman, for the man, and for the serpent.

Adam called his wife, Eve—the mother of all living. God made coats of skins and clothed the two of them.

God set angels at the entrance of the garden to prevent anyone eating from the Tree of Life and drove Adam and Eve out of the beautiful Eden.

IV. Outline.

1. The serpent tempts Eve (Gen 3:1-5).
2. Eve disobeys God and also gives some of the forbidden fruit to Adam (Gen 3:6).
3. Adam and Eve sew fig leaves together and hide from God (Gen 3:7-8).
4. God calls for Adam and exposes Adam's sin (Gen 3:9-11).
5. Adam blames Eve (Gen 3:12).
6. Eve blames the serpent (Gen 3:13).

7. The serpent is punished (Gen 3:14).
8. The first Messianic reference (Gen 3:15).
9. The woman is punished (Gen 3:16).
10. Adam is punished (Gen 3:17-19).
11. Eve, the mother of all living (Gen 3:20).
12. God made suitable clothing for Adam and Eve (Gen 3:21).
13. An angelic guard is stationed at the entrance to the garden and Adam and Eve are dismissed from it (Gen 3:22-24).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ Adam was allowed to continue to dress and take care of the Garden of Eden.
02. _____ The voice of God frightened Adam in this chapter.
03. _____ Adam did not express any reason for naming his wife Eve.
04. _____ There is a verse in this chapter that implies the serpent, at first, walked upright.
05. _____ Thorns and thistles were part of Adam’s punishment.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was located: (a) at the entrance of the garden; (b) on the northwest corner of the garden; (c) in the middle of the garden.
07. _____ Adam was sent forth from the garden to do what: (a) till the ground; (b) find the serpent; (c) build an altar.
08. _____ To Eve, God said not that He would multiply her sorrow, but that He would: (a) multiply her mistakes; (b) greatly multiply her sorrow; (c) neither a nor b.
09. _____ When she was asked WHY she ate the forbidden fruit, Eve said it was because the serpent had done this to her: (a) forced her; (b) invited her; (c) beguiled her.
10. _____ The serpent was more of this than any beast of the field: (a) bold; (b) subtle; (c) frightening.

Fill in the Blanks

11. Romans 5: _____ “Wherefore, as by one _____ sin entered into the world, and death by _____; and so _____ passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”
12. _____ Corinthians 11:3... “But I fear, lest by any means, as the _____ Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
13. “In the _____ of thy face shalt thou _____ bread, till thou return unto the _____; for out of it was thou taken...”
14. _____ and a _____ were placed at the east of the garden of Eden.
15. “... it shall bruise thy _____, and thou shalt bruise his _____.”

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-37 ... [01—False, 1:5,8,13,19,23,31; 02—False, 1:11-12; 03—True, 1:22; 04—False, 1:15-16; 05—True, 1:28; 06—b; 07—d, 1:21; 08—c, 1:7; 09—b; 10—b; 11—44, fruit; 12—beginning, created; 13—created, own, image, 1:27; 14—11, framed, word; 15—Genesis, living, fruitful, multiply.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **Yea, hath God said....** (Gen 3:1). This is the beginning of departure from the will of God when people begin to place doubts into our minds by getting us to analyze and dissect plain and simple commands from God. The command to Adam was simple and straightforward (Gen 2:16-17). The only thing the command needed was to be OBEYED!
2. **...neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die** (Gen 3:3). As far as the inspired record goes, there IS NO RECORD of God saying anything about touch. Perhaps there is a tendency here on the part of Eve to make it seem like God was being more restricting here than He really was. Actually she added something to God's command and took something away. God actually said, "...thou shalt surely die" (Gen 2:17). The actual statement of the cost of disobedience was more emphatically stated by the Lord than Eve's restatement of it.
3. **And when the woman saw that the tree was good...** (Gen 3:6). This very first temptation brings to mind the warning from the Apostle John regarding LOVING THIS WORLD (1 John 2:15-17). "All that is in the world..." is a statement which challenges us to realize the massive amount of temptation that we face day by day in this life. Giving in to these sensual pleasures has to be guarded against very carefully lest we fall in love with the sensations and lose our souls. Eve began to THINK ABOUT disobeying God and then before long she was eating the forbidden fruit. James has good advice about temptation (James 4:7-8).
4. **And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...** (Gen 3:8). This verse tells something of the communion and peace that was present between God and His creation BEFORE sin entered the picture. Before sin, this must have been a common occurrence, but now it has become frightening to Adam and Eve because they have transgressed God's will. Obedience to the will of the Lord is the way to maintain our fellowship with God (2 John 9-11).
5. **And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me...** (Gen 3:12). Genesis is the book of BEGINNINGS. This must be the first instance of denying personal responsibility.
6. **And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;...** (Gen 3:15). Though there would come the time when the "seed of woman" (Gal 4:4) would be bruised by Satan, the death blow came to Satan when Jesus was raised from the grave, thus making it possible for us likewise to be raised to live eternally. Notice also, that the text says HER SEED. Here is a first glimpse of the virgin birth that Isaiah prophesied of in Isaiah 7:14.
7. **...and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee** (Gen 3:16). It may be that many do not like God's order of things, but here is the source of it. The woman was deceived and the consequence of her disobedience is stated here to be pain in childbearing and being ruled by the husband. The Apostle Paul made reference to this in 1 Timothy 2:11-15 as he gave explanation regarding the fact that women are to learn in silence, and not to teach in such a way as to usurp authority over the man. Adam's punishment was that of eating bread, by "the sweat of thy face" (v. 19).
8. **And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living** (Gen 3:20). The search for UFOs and extra-terrestrial life is a useless search. God created Adam and Eve and Eve is the MOTHER OF ALL LIVING. There will not be found any life on the other planets. The bodies in the night sky are for giving light **upon the earth** (Gen 1:15-16), not for some supposed ET stomping grounds.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

Q A Z X C V G Y U I K M N B H Y T G V B
 S E D V Z A D Q W S O P E N E D C D R F
 U E V B G T Y I U J M I K O L P N H Y G
 B B R T G R F V E E D W S B E A S T V B
 T F R P E D C V B N M K L U I Y H T G R
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 R E W Q L K T J H G F D L S A M E N B V
 C X Z L H J K G L F D I S A P Y I U Y T
 M N B C V L K J H G V F D P E K L J H G
 P U U M N J H G F E D S A V C X Z S W E
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 R F T G B N A Y H M J U I K O I Y M T R
 H G F D S D M N V R T G B N H Y U A J M
 W S X C O E D R F V T T G B R F V N E D
 C V R O R F V B G T Y R H N M J U I K L
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[The highlighted words below are in the puzzle above. See if you can find them all.]

¹Now the **serpent** was more **subtle** than any **beast** of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the **woman**, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every **tree** of the **garden**? ²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the **fruit** of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the **midst** of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye **touch** it, lest ye **die**. ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your **eyes** shall be **opened**, and ye shall be as gods, **knowing good and evil**.