



THE FALL

GENESIS 3:1-24

When God created the world, things were perfect. God made the first human, Adam and Eve in a perfect relationship with each other and with God. But that didn't last forever. What happened?

When God made the world, He only gave them one rule—and one rule only: “You shall not eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If you do, death and sadness will come.”

But Satan, the enemy of God, did not like God's new creation. His mission was to kill, steal and destroy everything that God had made.

Thus, Satan made an evil plan. He entered the garden and disguised himself as a snake. He told Eve lies and tricked Eve into eating the fruit from ‘the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.’ Unfortunately, Eve decided to listen to the snake, and she disobeyed God's one and only rule. Not only did she eat it, but she gave the fruit to Adam and he also ate it.

With that one bite, both Adam and Eve broke their perfect relationship with God. They realized too late that they had made a bad choice by disobeying God. This is called sin. Sin is like getting a sting from a deadly animal that results in death. Sin not only brings physical death, but it also prevents us from being with God. We are forever cut out from heaven. As for Adam and Eve, they had to leave their perfect home forever. This is the beginning of shame, guilt and fear. This is when hopelessness, sickness, despair, hatred and all bad things entered our world.

This sounds like a very sad ending, but this is not the end of the story. God loves people so much that He promised someone would come and rescue us.

Who would this person be? It was God Himself who came into our world. God came in a human form. His name is Jesus. He became a human and lived as a human like one of us; but, unlike us, He was without sins. He did many amazing things. He healed the sick, raised the dead and performed many other miracles that prove He was God. Out of His great love, Jesus came and died on the cross because it was the only way to take away all of our sins and punishments. At that same time, He defeated sins and death by rising from the dead. Now, when we confess all of our sins and ask God to forgive us and make us clean from sin, He does it and Jesus comes to live in our heart. Then we can be in a relationship with God again, not just here on earth but forever.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22 “Because of Adam, all people die and because of Christ, all will be made alive.”

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) All things were perfect when God created the world. There was no sin. There was no disobedience. God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden to live in. However, there was one important rule. "Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," God told them.
- 2) Satan was the enemy of God. He made himself into a snake and told Eve it was okay to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge. She ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband Adam.
- 3) God was very sad. He knew Adam and Eve had listened to Satan. Now they were separated from God by their sin. Because of this, all bad things entered into the world.
- 4) There would be only one way to fix this bad situation. God would send Someone to rescue people from their sins. God came down to earth as the Man Jesus. Jesus would die to take the sins away.
- 5) When we believe in Jesus, we can ask Him to forgive us of our sins. Then, we can be close to God again.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What was one the rule God gave Adam and Eve?
- 2) Who is the enemy of God?
- 3) What did Satan tell Eve?
- 4) What happened when Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge?
- 5) Who did God send to rescue people from their sins?
- 6) What happens when we believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive us of our sins?

ANSWERS:

- 1) God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 2) Satan is the enemy of God.
- 3) Satan told Eve it would be okay to eat of the fruit.
- 4) When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the fruit, they became separated from God.
- 5) God sent Jesus to rescue us.
- 6) When Jesus forgives our sins, we can be close to God again.

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