

Genesis 3

Verse 1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

Now the serpent

See Revelation 12:9

Satan is called, the great Dragon, The old serpent, the Devil and Satan,

The deceiver of the whole world

Has God really said, you shall not eat of any tree of the garden?

Satan knew this was absurd and so did Eve

Verses 2-3

²The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”

You shall not eat from it, or touch, or you will die

Eve knew what God had said, but then Eve went too far

She added to the word of God, saying neither shall you touch it

Verses 4-5

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die! ⁵For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.”

You certainly will not die

Adam and Eve had to make a choice

Who are they going to believe?

God or this serpent

You will become like God, knowing good from evil

Satan is quite the salesman

He says eating the fruit of this tree will make them like God

This offer was too good to be true

Verse 6

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave *some* to her husband with her, and he ate.

The tree was good for food

A delight to the eyes

The tree was desirable to make one wise

The lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life

See 1 John 2:16

Verse 7

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.

⁸ Now they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

They moment they ate they died spiritually

And this changed the way they thought of themselves

They were now ashamed of their body and wanted to cover it up

It also changed their relationship with God

They were now afraid of Him and wanted to hide

Verses 9 - 11

⁹ Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

Who told you that you were naked?

A good question always makes us stop and think ----- doesn't it?

Have you eaten of the tree, that I commanded you not to eat?

God went straight to the heart of the problem

Verse 12

¹² The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me some of *the fruit of the tree*, and I ate.”

Adam did not take responsibility for his sin

Rather, he blamed God and his wife

Verse 13

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this *that* you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

What is this that you have done?

This is another one of those good questions

And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Eve did not take responsibility for her sin either, but blamed the serpent

Verse 14

**14 Then the Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all the livestock,
And more than any animal of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And dust you shall eat
All the days of your life;**

On your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life

Judging from the punishment he received, God put a lot of the blame on the serpent

See Matthew 18:6

Verse 15

**15 And I will make enemies
Of you and the woman,
And of your offspring and her Descendant;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise Him on the heel.**

I will make enemies of you and the woman

Since Eve is the mother of all mankind

This indicates the hostility of Satan would be toward all of humanity

Satan will destroy even those who are aligned with him

And of your offspring and her Descendant;

Those who follow Satan will be enemies of the Christ

He shall bruise your head

He is a singular pronoun referring to Jesus

Shall means Jesus will defeat Satan at some point in the future

It was a prophesy to be fulfilled over 5000 years in the future

You shall bruise his heel

This took place on the Cross

Satan won a battle but lost the war

Verse 16

¹⁶ To the woman He said,

**“I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you shall deliver children;
Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you.”**

I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing

Judgment for sin always involves some kind of suffering

Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you

See 1Timothy 2:14-15

Verses 17-19

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;

**Cursed is the ground because of you;
With hard labor you shall eat *from* it
All the days of your life.**

**¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;**

**¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
You shall eat bread,
Until you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.”**

Cursed is the ground because of you

God limited the fruitfulness of the ground

Why?

Because Adam had sinned and sin cannot go unpunished

But this punishment was also good for Adam and his descendants

Because it reminds mankind of his need to be right with God

And in causes all of us to depend on God

**With hard labor you shall eat *from* it
All the days of your life.**

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;

This made providing a much more difficult job

It also reduced the food supply available to the animals

This in turn forced them to look for alternative food sources

See video 305 3.5 A fallen world

<http://www.levickfamily.com/3.5.html>

**Until you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.”**

Death and suffering entered the world the moment they ate from the tree

Verse 20

²⁰ Now the man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living.

Because she was the mother of all *the* living.

All humans are descendants of Adam and Eve

See Acts 17:26

If that is the case then who did Cain marry?

Obviously, it had to be one of his sisters

This was not a problem in the beginning

Because the DNA of mankind had not been degraded by speciation at the time

Verse 21

"And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them."

God provided clothing for them initially

Verses 22-23

²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take *fruit* also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

He might reach out with his hand, and take *fruit* also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever

Adam and Eve had sinned and death was the consequence

But they could have eaten of the tree of life and lived forever

Man would have lived forever in this fallen condition

Think about that for a moment

So God keeping man from eating from the tree of life was an amazing act of grace

Therefore, God sent him forth from the garden

Being sent from the Garden was a punishment

Life would never be the blessing it was meant to be

It is still good in many ways but no one can deny the difficulties that we face

Verse 24

²⁴ So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword

In the tabernacle, the Cherubim are identified with the throne of God

See Exodus 37:7

Depictions of them adorned the veil separating the Holy of Holies and the Sanctuary

See Exodus 36:35