

Miracles Of Jesus

Lesson 3: Adam And Eve Sin

(Genesis 3:1-24)

Whenever God planted the Garden of Eden, He gave Adam and Eve everything that they needed. It was a beautiful place with plenty of food to eat. It was a place where they never hurt or cried. It was a place where nothing and nobody died. And, the Lord God even could be heard walking in the Garden.

In this wonderful place, God gave Adam and Eve one law to live by. He commanded them not to eat or touch the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And, He warned them that there would be consequences if they did not listen to Him, saying that they would die.

At this time, Adam and Eve had never done anything wrong. Because they were completely innocent, they were naked and not ashamed (Genesis 2:25). But, all of this was about to change because of sin!

The serpent was craftier than all of the other animals God had made. And, Satan (who is the enemy of God) used the serpent to tempt Eve. The serpent asked Eve, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" (Genesis 3:1). Eve told the serpent that God allowed them to eat of all of the trees in the Garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She said that they would die if they ate or touched it.

But, the serpent said that they would not die. Instead, he said that they would have their eyes opened and they would be like God in knowing good and evil if they ate of the tree God had forbidden. Now, Eve had a choice to make. She would either eat of the tree or she would listen to God.

Whenever Eve heard what the serpent said, she look at the tree differently. Instead of seeing the tree as something that would bring punishment, she saw it as

something that would bring her pleasure. She saw "that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate." (Genesis 3:6). So, she took of its fruit and ate it. Then, she gave the fruit to her husband (Adam) and he also ate it.

Whenever they ate of the tree, their eyes were opened and they saw that they were naked and were ashamed. So, they used fig leaves to make coverings for their bodies (though God would make them better clothes that covered their nakedness later). And, whenever they heard the sound of God walking in the garden, they hid among the trees.

Whenever God called for Adam and asked where he was, Adam told God he was afraid and hid because he was naked. God knew that they had disobeyed His commandment. They had sinned against God.

Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent. But, God was not happy with their excuses. Instead, God punished them all. The serpent would be forced to crawl on his belly and people would hate serpents. The woman was told to listen to the man and she would have pain when she gave birth. The man would have to work much harder to get food. And, since they had sinned, God made them leave the Garden of Eden. He would not let them live there and eat of the tree of life, as He put cheribum on the east side of the Garden and a flaming sword that would guard the tree of life. Now, they would die and everything else on earth would eventually die. In fact, they also died on the day they disobeyed God because their special relationship with God changed. This is spiritual death.

God also promised Satan that he would be defeated. This would happen because of Jesus Christ many years later. Sin is the worst problem mankind has ever faced – since it separates us from God. It is only through Jesus Christ that we can be saved!

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Study Questions:

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1) What was it like to live in the Garden of Eden?
2) What law did God give Adam and Eve?
3) Who tried to get Eve to disobey God?
4) Did Eve choose to obey God or disobey God? What did she do?
5) What punishment did God give the serpent?
6) What punishment did God give the woman?
7) What punishment did God give the man?
8) How would God defeat Satan?

Memory Verse:

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat," (Genesis 2:16).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: