

# The Fall



Man and God were connected!



## The Setting in the Garden

Adam and Eve had everything that they needed!

God had surrounded them with beauty and abundance well beyond their physical needs!

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They were in perfect unity with God and one another!

There was no sickness, sorrow...their work wasn't hard!

They were now the rulers and keepers of God's creation, with clear instruction of how to continue enjoying God's BEST!



God was present to guide them in every decision!



Adam & Eve had everything that they could ever need or want!



### **The Setting in the Garden**

Life in the garden was GREAT for Adam and Eve!  
Everything was perfect!  
God was their friend;  
he loved them.

The Setting in the Garden  
'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.'



### **The Setting in the Garden**

Adam & Eve had a perfect friendship and fellowship with God and with each other.

### **The Setting in the Garden**

Adam & Eve only needed to follow God's instruction and go to God for direction and God would always tell them exactly what was best to do!

God had instructed Adam.

God did not leave it up to Adam to decide which things were right and which things were wrong to do.

God spoke to Adam and told him what he must not do, or he would die.



*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD **God commanded the man**, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..."*



God planted an endless variety of trees which supplied food for man and gave beauty in the garden. Only one tree was denied to Adam.



**God instructs Adam.**

**God knows** what is best and **wanted** what was best for Adam.

Adam could choose to obey-trust-depend on God; knowing that God's choice was the best for him...



...or he could **disobey** God by not trusting that God knew best, **wanting to be independent.**





Satan **knew** about God's warning & instructions to Adam-Eve concerning the garden!



Because Satan hates God, he wanted to destroy the man and woman God had made!

Satan decides to use a serpent to **disguise** himself and deceive Eve.

He disguised himself as an animal that God had created. He did not allow Eve to know who she was really speaking to!



“Did God really say, ‘You must **not** eat from **any** tree in the garden?’”



The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden...”



“...but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

Satan told a bold lie in the form of a subtle question to Eve...to get her to **doubt** what God had actually said! He also **planted** the seed that God did not have her best interest in mind.

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For **God knows** that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”



At first Satan had sneakily called God a liar! But now he was no longer casting doubt, he **was denying the truth!** He said nearly the opposite of what God had said (Gen 3:1) and was now saying that what God had said was not true!  
(Gen 3:4)

Satan wanted Eve to **believe** that if she ate from the tree she wouldn't need God to tell her what was right and what was wrong...she didn't need God to decide what was best!

Satan is now cashing in on the seed of 'doubting God's goodness' that he planted in the first question. He flat out says that God is holding back what is best for Adam and Eve.

**He meant:**  
*God knows that this tree will give you something better than what you have now, and he doesn't want you to have it.*

## FYI, BEWARE OF:

-**Anything** that makes you look to a power other than God for answers to life!

-**Anything** that exalts or gives a good, attractive idea to something that is actually evil!

-**Anything** that tries to get you to doubt God's instruction in the Bible!

When God said to Adam and Eve that they would surely die if they ate from the tree, and the serpent said they would be like God...



...they put **their faith** in what the serpent said.



They believed what Satan said was actually true and would actually happen.

**They went the way they believed would turn out for their good.**

“The woman was convinced... So she took some of the fruit and ate it”.  
(Gen 3:6)



**She was fully persuaded and had full confidence in Satan's promises.**

**She did not believe  
what God said was  
true about the tree.**

Eve ate and also gave the fruit to Adam. Adam and Eve both turned away from depending on God.

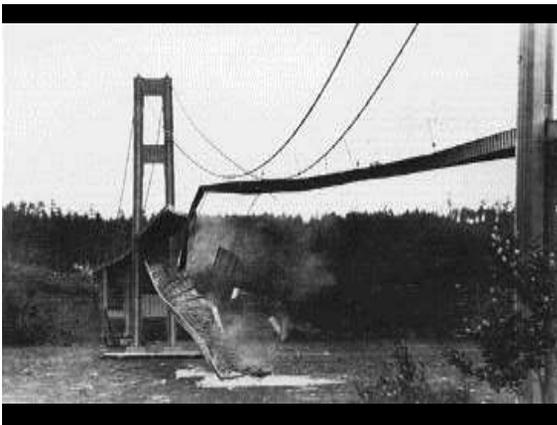


**-They wanted  
independence from God.**

-They wanted to  
decided for themselves what  
was right & wrong.

-Instead of trusting God for what  
was best and good, they believed  
they knew what was best.

-Adam didn't want God to  
instruct him or rule over him  
anymore.



Adam and Eve's sin separated  
them from God!



**Adam and Eve's sin separated them from God and they felt fear, shame and guilt.**



Adam and Eve realized they were naked...no longer matching up to the glory of God. In their fear, they went and hid.



Realizing there was a problem...they decided to try to come up with a solution...and sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

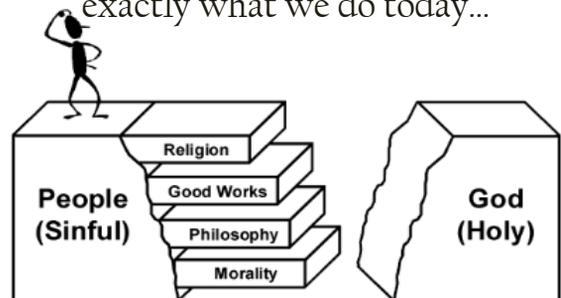


They clothed themselves with fig leaves. They no longer were depending on God to give them what they needed.



**They were trying to live independently of God, and trying to make things right...maybe God wouldn't notice that anything happened.**

They covered themselves to try to take care of the problem. And it is exactly what we do today...



But God does not accept us based on our outward appearance or our own attempts to cover up our sin and make it right with him!



God called out to Adam.



Why did God call out?  
Didn't he know where they were hiding?

Why did God call out?

God was giving them the opportunity to repent and agree with him; that all that he said was true and what was best for them.



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Adam and Eve disobeyed God and now have failed to admit it, turn to God and repent. They followed Satan and deserve what Lucifer received...

**Lucifer was the first to do evil.**



**Evil is anything contrary to God's; **character, desire, instruction, direction, commands.****

**Evil is anything that is different from what God wants or agrees with!**

Remember...that God prepared the Lake of Fire (Hell) for Lucifer and his Spirit followers who rebelled...



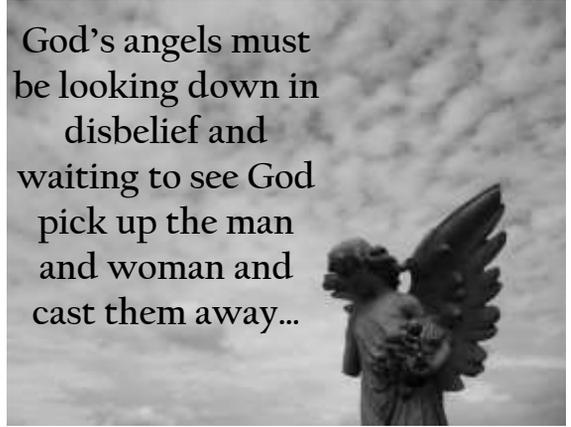
Adam and Eve's decision to go against God warrants the perfect, right, fair, holy judgment of God....



Satan must be reveling happily in the background thinking that he had won the battle...



God's angels must be looking down in disbelief and waiting to see God pick up the man and woman and cast them away...



God goes past the man and woman and picks up an animal...



God kills the animal...removes its skin, and clothes the man and woman with it...



**He didn't kill them?** He said they would die!? **He didn't throw them into the Lake of Fire??!** That's what they deserved?!

God shows the man and woman mercy by not punishing them for their evil, but instead, kills an animal in their place.

Next week we will talk about  
the consequences of their  
decision to live independently  
from God...and what God would  
set in motion to get them back.