

*IN THE BEGINNING GOD***The Fall****Genesis 3:1–15**

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the lord God among the trees of the garden.” Genesis 3:8

Day 1: Read Genesis 3:1–5.

1. Before Eve’s encounter with the serpent, describe what Adam and Eve’s life was like in the Garden of Eden before the Fall. (Gen. 2:8–9; 15–20, 25)
2. What are the two special trees in the middle of the garden? (Gen 2:9). What is God’s command concerning one of them? (Gen. 2:16, 17)
3. The serpent is “crafty” (vs. 1). How do we see this in the way he speaks to Eve? What aspects of God’s character is he trying to make Eve doubt? (vv. 1, 4, 5)
4. The serpent is obviously the mouthpiece for some “dark power.” Who do you think this is? How do New Testament writers describe who this being is? (Jn. 8:44; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:9)

Day 2: Read Genesis 3:1–7.

5. What does Eve add to God’s command that he did not say? (Compare Gen. 2:16, 17 with 3:3.)
How is the serpent’s poison already starting to work?
6. Where is Adam when Eve takes her first bite of the fruit? (vs. 6)
7. What are the three things about the fruit that tempt Eve? (vs. 6) Of those three things, what is it that she really wants? (vs. 5)
8. What is the difference between temptation and sin? (1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 4: 15; James 1:14, 15)

Day 3: Read Genesis 3:6–13.

9. There are immediate consequences when Adam and Eve eat the fruit.
How does it affect their sense of self? (vs. 7)
How does it affect their relationship to God? (vv. 8, 10)
How does it affect their relationship to each other? (vv. 12, 13)

10. Look back at the four questions God asks Adam and Eve. (vv. 9, 11, 13) He obviously knows what has happened; why then is he asking these questions?
11. In which verses do you see:
 Guilty conscience _____ Self-justification _____ Blameshifting _____
 Deception _____ Shame _____ Fear _____ Alienation _____
 How do you respond when you are caught in sin?
12. Adam and Eve do not immediately “drop dead,” but they do die. How? (Is. 59: 2; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 1:21)
13. How does the work of Christ, the “second Adam,” reverse the effects of the “first Adam’s” sin? (1 Cor. 15:21–22, 45; Heb. 9:14; 10:19–22)

Day 4: Read Genesis 3:14–15.

14. In what ways does God curse the serpent? How are these humiliating? (Consider Lev. 11:42; Micah 7:16, 17.)
15. The serpent makes his first attack on the woman. How will her offspring (seed) have the last word?
16. Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy. How will the serpent’s offspring strike Jesus’ heel? (Mk. 8:31; Jn. 19:16–18) How will Jesus crush Satan’s head? (Col. 2:13–15; Heb. 2:14, 15; 1 Jn. 3:8)

Day 5: Read Genesis 3:1–15.

17. When confronted with the serpent’s lies, Eve’s first inclination is to assume that God is not telling the truth; that He is holding back good things; that He is not trustworthy or good. When you catch yourself thinking this way, what should you do?
18. Read and meditate on Isaiah 40:21–31. What do you learn about God here that will help you when you are tempted to stop trusting Him?
19. Besides questioning God’s character, what do Eve’s disobedience and your own reveal? (Gen. 3:5; Ezek. 28:2)