

The Fall and its Results

When Tommy’s mother found him drawing on the wall with a crayon, he said that his friend Jimmy told him to do it.

Hank was reprimanded by his boss about some mishandled work. “I did it just the way George told me to,” was his answer.

When Shelly was caught speeding she told the officer (choose one): (a) the speedometer was broken, (b) she was hurrying to an important appointment, or (c) she was trying to keep up with the rest of the traffic.

When we get in trouble most of us respond by making excuses for our actions and blaming others. That is human nature. Why do we have such a nature? Why are we naturally inclined toward sin? You will find the answers to those questions in this lesson.

Gen. 3:1 What was the first thing the serpent said?

Satan’s first tactic is always to question God’s truthfulness. That is why the world casts so much doubt on the truths of the Bible.

Gen. 3:2 How did the woman answer?

Gen. 3:3 The woman repeated God’s prohibition (Gen. 2:17). Did she quote God exactly?

Gen. 3:4 What did the serpent say next?

Satan’s second tactic is to deny God’s Word.

Gen. 3:5 What did the serpent say to make the fruit appealing?

Satan implied that God was keeping something good from them.

Gen. 3:6 What three things did the woman see about the tree?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

What did she do?

Gen. 3:7 What happened after they ate the fruit?

They lost their innocence and felt shame for the first time. How did they try to cover their shame?

Gen. 3:8 What did they do when they heard God coming?

Gen. 3:10 Adam told God, “I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was _____.”

God questioned them about eating the fruit.

Gen. 3:12 Who did the man blame for his sin?

Gen. 3:13 Who did the woman blame for her sin?

Gen. 3:14 What did God tell the serpent?

Gen. 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her _____; it shall bruise thy _____, and thou shalt bruise his _____.”

This is the **first messianic prophecy** in the Bible. The “seed” of the woman is Jesus, who will gain ultimate victory over Satan.

Gen. 3:16 What did God tell the woman?

Gen. 3:17-18 What did God tell the man?

Gen. 3:19 What did He say would eventually happen to them?

Gen. 3:21 What gracious thing did God do for them?

Innocent animals died to cover Adam and Eve’s shame. This is the **first death** in the Bible, and it was brought about by sin. This reminds us of Romans 6:23a: “*For the wages of sin is death.*”

Gen. 3:22 God did not want man to live eternally in a fallen, sinful state.

Gen. 3:23 What did God do?

Gen. 3:24 What did He do to prevent anyone from entering the Garden of Eden?

Concluding Thoughts: This is a very important chapter. In Genesis 3 we find mankind’s first encounter with Satan, the first temptation, and the first sin. We also find the first shame, fear, and attempt to deceive. Ever since Adam’s sin (the Fall) the human race has lived under the curse of sin. Shame, fear, and deception are common to all of us.

Adam and Eve tried to blame others for their sin but it didn’t work. Their sins brought consequences. In fact, God killed some of His beautiful, innocent creatures to cover the shame of Adam and Eve’s sin.

This is a sad chapter in the history of mankind; but there is also some Good News. God graciously promised to send a Savior who will win the final victory over Satan. Like the innocent animals God killed to cover Adam and Eve's shame, God sent His holy and sinless Son to die on the cross to pay the price for our sins.

You, like all humans, were born under the curse of sin. Have you ever trusted Jesus to pay for your sin and give you eternal life? If not, please read the verses printed on the back of this book, confess and turn away from your sins, and turn to Christ for salvation.

Project: Memorize **Genesis 3:1**. Whenever the headlines remind you of man's sinful condition, thank God for sending Jesus Christ.