

“The First Sin” - Genesis 3:1-7, 21-24

Ask - “Have you or anyone you know ever been kicked out of a place and asked not to return?”

Background - The first couple, Adam and Eve, lived in the Garden of Eden for an unspecified period of time. The LORD’s manifest presence was there with them. However, God permitted the serpent access to the garden also...

“Tempted” - Genesis 3:1-5

(v1) Who was the serpent that spoke with Eve in the Garden of Eden (read Revelation 12:9; 20:2)? What approach did the serpent use to entice Eve to sin?

(v2-3) What was Eve’s response to Satan’s initial question? Though essentially the same, how did her answer differ slightly from what God actually said (Genesis 2:16-17)? Discuss.

(v4-5) In essence, what did the serpent accuse God of doing? What did He imply about God’s motivations? What did he imply would happen to Eve if she ate?

THE SATAN TEMPTED EVE BY QUESTIONING GOD’S HONESTY AND MOTIVATION. HE IMPLIED THAT EVE WOULD BE BETTER OFF IF SHE DISOBEYED GOD.

“Sinned” - Genesis 3:6-7

(v6) Why was it a mistake for Eve to gaze upon the tree? Discuss. What did she ultimately do? Who also engaged in this sin with her? Was he just as guilty and she was?

(v7) After eating, what did they immediately realize? What did the awareness of their nakedness reveal? How did they seek to cover their exposure? Discuss.

RATHER THAN DISMISSING THE TEMPTATION IMMEDIATELY, EVE LINGERED ON IT. EVENTUALLY BOTH SHE AND ADAM SINNED. IMMEDIATELY, THEY WERE ASHAMED OF THEIR DISOBEDIENCE.

“Expelled” - Genesis 3:21-24

(v21) Though Adam and Eve had sinned, what did God lovingly do? What had to die in order for these garments of skin to be made? How did this act of kindness foreshadow sacrifices to come?

(v22) In what way had man become like the triune God? What was God concerned that He might do and why was this an issue?

(v23) What did the LORD do to the man as a consequence of his sin? What task did he give the man to do?

(v24) What did God do to prevent the man from returning to the Garden of Eden and partaking of the Tree of Life?

IN ORDER TO HONOR HIS OWN WORD THAT SINFUL MAN WOULD SURELY DIE, GOD EXPELLED ADAM AND EVE FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN THAT THEY MIGHT NOT PARTAKE OF THE TREE OF LIFE.

Application - God created mankind with the ability to choose. He placed the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the garden that they might have the opportunity to choose. Unfortunately, man succumbed to temptation and chose to sin against God's command. As a result of their sin, they were expelled from the garden and became subject to both physical and spiritual death. This sinful nature extends to all mankind, for all have sinned and stand guilty before God. What stands out to you in this lesson?