

out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

- The Lord had a committee meeting (“one of us”) and decided that it was best for man to leave the Garden. The reason is man’s option of partaking of the tree of life.
- It is mercy on God’s part to keep the man from living forever in his sinful state. He already had a plan to redeem Adam’s race.

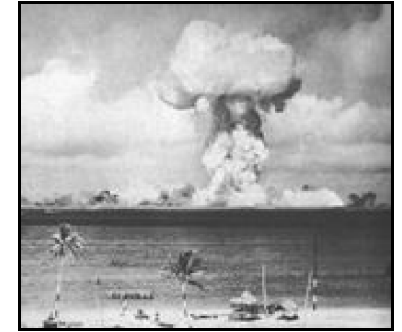
(23) So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. (24) After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

- Adam and Eve were ejected from the Garden to a less desirable place.
- Angels were placed to prevent the pair from returning.
- The flaming sword raises the question of metal. Was it known yet?
- This ended at least by the time of the Flood of Noah.
- This is rebellion #1. Next chapter, rebellion #2.

## GENESIS CHAPTER 3

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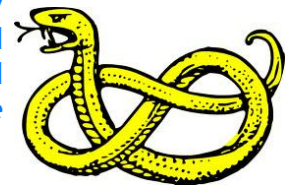
In 1945, researcher Harry Daghlian accidentally dropped a neutron-reflective tungsten carbide brick on to a plutonium core. He quickly removed the brick, but the process was started and he died of radiation poisoning 25 days later. Once the process began, there was no turning back. The plutonium came to be labeled the Demon Core.



The Demon Core in Use

So it was in the Garden of Eden. Once the forbidden tree had been sampled, the results passed to Eve, Adam and then the entire human race. It is usually termed *The Fall of Adam*.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”



- God’s Word does not provide much information about Satan, the fallen angel. He is presented here as a demon-possessed snake. Just as later Satan entered into Judas Iscariot (Luke 22:3), so here he enters one of God’s creatures.
- The serpent omits the name LORD from his comments, using a much less personal title for God.
- Satan chose to deal with Eve instead of Adam.
- He is immediately questioning God’s authority over Adam and Eve.

(2) The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, (3) but God did say, ‘You must not eat

(16) To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

- Eve was cursed with severe pain in childbirth, although she had not produced children yet.
- Adam is to be her ruler.
- This extends to the church assembly. 1 Tim. 2:11-14:

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

- A structure for society was set forth. The husband is to be the ruler of the wife. This is the common pattern and one to be chosen by the wife.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. (Ephesians 5:22-24)

- Some ladies may choose not to marry, others have husbands that cannot (or will not) lead.

(17) To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. (18) It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. (19) By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”



- Adam was guilty because he listened to his wife.

for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- There are three components to Eve’s decision:
  1. The taste of the fruit - “good for food.”
  2. The appearance of the fruit - “pleasing to the eye.”
  3. Benefits of the fruit - “desirable for gaining wisdom.”
- The same three components were present in the formal Temptation of Jesus. Notice the similarity.
  1. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” (Matthew 4:3)
  2. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. (Matthew 4:8)
  3. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” (Matthew 4:6)

- John refers to the three components in 1 John 2:15-17:

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

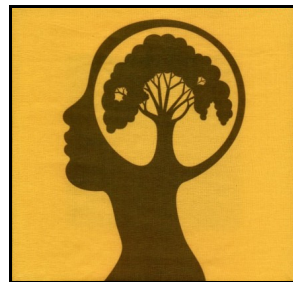
- Situated in a perfect environment, she made the wrong choice.
- Eve coveted something that was forbidden. After listing nine external items forbidden in the Ten Commandments, God ended with “Thou shalt not covet.” It is a root problem for our race.
- The Master Liar had Eve invest in his worthless story and she lost nearly everything worthwhile. She did not perform her due diligence and the race has suffered since.

fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

- Eve was considering a meal from the vast array of fruits available to her. Being the primary food handler was already a part of her role.
- While she was forthright with the serpent, he was not forthright with her. Verse 1 labeled him as *crafty*.
- The rule she just repeated was given to Adam (2:16,17), so she had learned it from him.
- Satan got her focused on what she could not have. She had fruit everywhere, but he drew her attention to the one fruit that was forbidden.

(4) “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. (5) “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Satan’s attack was immediate and direct. He contradicted what God had said.
- This is the first lie that Eve had heard and she did not identify it.
- Further, he assigned motives to God. He pictures God as a jealous liar.
- Like the most effective lies, Satan’s remarks contained some truth.
- Satan challenged God’s one law. It required faith in God to avoid this fruit, because it looked as good or better than other fruit. Only determination to please and obey God would keep Eve from eating. She lacked that faith.



(6) When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable

- The ground was cursed in such a way as to cause pain for Adam as he toiled for their food.
- Un-useful things like thorns and thistles would grow, increasing the labor needed to grow crops. Weeds are a reminder of Adam’s sin.
- Death came in several ways for Adam as the head of the human race. Death is separation.
- He was soon ushered from Eden and the presence of God, so death occurred. Adam surrendered the fellowship that he had enjoyed with his Maker. This spiritual separation is what made the physical death of Christ so overwhelming.
- Adam was to work until he died and was to be buried back in the ground. This is physical death.

(20) Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. (21) The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

- At some point in the narration, Adam named his wife. We have been calling her Eve all along in the story for ease of presentation.
- The first recorded animal deaths are revealed. For unspecified reasons, God did not accept the garments of Adam and Eve and made some himself. Since they were garments of skin, one or more animals had to die. God’s standard of dress has been different from man’s since Eden.
- The wardrobe requirements may have been based in the need to respect each other and those yet to be born. Lack of clothing engenders lack of respect.
- This requirement came as a result of eating the forbidden fruit.

(22) And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach



- Eve here is taking some leadership and it got both of them into permanent trouble.
- Adam's naked bride in the prime of her beauty convinced him to have some of the forbidden fruit also.

**(7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.**

- They both developed a conscience they had not experienced before.
- Their perception changed. Whereas nakedness was not a concern before the fruit, it was now a priority problem and they responded by making personal coverings.
- Now they experienced fear and hid themselves. Sin brings fear.



**(8) 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. (9) But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" (10) He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."**

- Even though God knew the pair had sinned, he still communicated with them.

**(11) And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"**

**(12) The man said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."**

- The blaming begins. "It's your own fault God, you put this woman here. She is the one who gave me the fruit. Don't blame me."

- See Proverbs 13:9: **A person's own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the LORD.**

**(13) Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."**

- Eve, in turn, blamed the serpent.
- She acknowledges that she was deceived.
- The problem at this point is that innocence cannot be retrieved.

**(14) So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.**

**(15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."**



- The serpent was not given a chance to defend himself. He was cursed immediately. Even though he was just a proxy for the grand deceiver, his position in nature was changed forever.
- Further, the fallout would last through the centuries. There would be no more friendly conversations with the woman.
- God speaks of her offspring. Normally we might think of her children, but there was only one man who was in every sense the offspring of woman and that was Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God. There is here a hint of the Virgin Birth of Jesus.
- We have at the very time of the Fall a promise of redemption.

- The seed of the woman would deliver a mortal blow to the seed of Satan, but would receive a painful blow in the process.