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Lesson 3



The Story Of Sin (Genesis 3)

Introduction

It didn't take long for things to stop being "good." Man, the "crown jewel" of creation (cp. **Psa. 8:3-8**), does that for which he had "no excuse"...he sins against God (**Rom. 1:20**). Not only was he now separated from God, but his actions served as the "gateway" for bringing sin and consequent death into the world. Since then, all men have made the same choice Adam made...to rebel against God (**Rom. 5:12, 15, 18-19**). Despite this tragedy, this story also declares the remedy for man's sin problem...Jesus Christ

Read the story and be prepared to answer the following questions.

- 1) Who is described in v. 1a? (cp. **Rev. 12:9; 2 Cor. 2:11; Eph. 6:11**)

- 2) What does he do in v. 1b? Explain why you think he asks this question. (cp. **1 Tim. 2:14**)

- 3) What was the woman's reply? (**vv. 2-3**) Compare it to God's *original* command in **2:16-17**. Do you see any similarities and/or differences? How might **Eph. 5:17 & 1 Thess. 5:22** apply?

- 4) How did Satan respond to the woman's statement? (**v. 4**) How does **Jn. 8:44** apply?

- 5) What does he also say for the deception to be effective? (**v. 5**) What is the "insinuation" he creates against God? (cp. **1 Pet. 2:11**)

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- 6) What does Satan's words cause the woman to do in **v. 6a**? Compare her actions to her previous words in **v. 3**? How does **1 Jn. 2:15-16** apply?

- 7) What happens as a result? (**vv. 6b-7**) Comparing this to what was said in **2:25**, what is the point?

- 8) What happens in **vv. 8-11**? If God is omniscient, why did He ask Adam questions?

- 9) What was man's response to God's questions? (**vv. 12-13**)

- 10) What was God forced to do? (**vv. 14-19**) What is the importance of **v. 15**?

- 11) How does **v. 21** compare with **v. 7b**? Does this teach us anything?

- 12) What sad ending to this story is told in **vv. 22-24**? What lesson(s) should we learn?