

The Bible Doctrine Of Sin

Lesson 5

The First Sin

Introduction

The first time something occurs provides valuable lessons for study, especially when it repeats itself. Examples can be either good or bad, but both are instructive. Ever since that fateful day in Eden when Adam and Eve chose to listen to Satan instead of God, sin and its consequences have played themselves out over & over again in the lives of men & women.

We can learn a lot re: our own temptations & sins when we examine the first occurrence of sin (**Gen. 3**).

- 1) We've already been reminded that sin cannot exist without law (**Rom. 7**). What law was given in Eden? (**Gen. 2:16-17**)

- 2) What description is found in v. 1a? (**2 Cor. 2:11; 11:14**)

- 3) What is Satan doing by posing his question to the woman? (**v. 1b**)

- 4) What does Eve's response in vv. 2-3 indicate about her understanding? (**Eph. 5:17**)

- 5) How does Satan's actions in vv. 4-5 illustrate his "craftiness?" Where was the deception?

- 6) How did Eve look at the forbidden tree before & after her talk with Satan? (**v. 6; 1 Jn. 2:15-16**)

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7) What happened in v. 7? (v. 5)

8) Some usual behaviors that accompany sin are evident when sin first occurred. Please note how these showed themselves, using the verses provided.

Shame (vv. 7, 8, 10) _____

Deflecting guilt (vv. 12-13) _____

9) God's consistent response to sin is also evident in this story. Comment on His actions, using the verses provided.

(v. 9) _____

(vv. 11, 13) _____

10) What is revealed in vv. 14-19, 22-24?

11) What is the one bright spot in this sad episode? (v. 15; Gen. 12:3; Gal. 3:16)