

The Fall into Sin

Genesis 3

Now the serpent¹ was more crafty² than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”³

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden,⁴ neither shall you touch it,⁵ lest you die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶

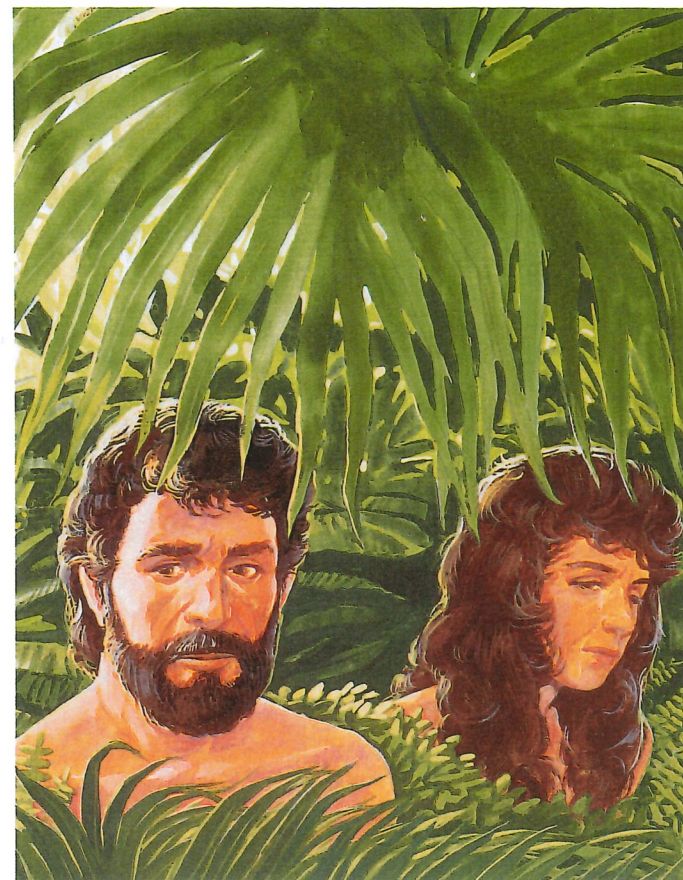
When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise⁷, she took its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened,⁸ and they knew that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,⁹ and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.¹⁰

Explanatory Notes

¹The devil, disguised as a snake. ²A sly liar, which Satan showed when, in speaking to the woman, he denied the truth of God’s words. ³This was to raise doubt in the woman’s mind. ⁴The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ⁵The woman does not give the exact words of God’s command, which shows that the devil’s influence was already working. ⁶The devil’s words are not true. ⁷The woman wanted to be wise like God. ⁸They realized they had sinned. ⁹Evening. ¹⁰They were afraid of God, fearing death which God had threatened for disobedience.



They hid themselves from the presence of the LORD.

For Reflection

1. What consequences have come to you and to those around us as the result of Adam and Eve’s sin?
2. How does the devil tempt us today? How has Jesus overcome sin and temptation for us?
3. After Adam and Eve sinned, they hid from God. Because we know Jesus as our Savior, we need never hide from God. What can we do instead?

Words to Remember

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23*