

We Really Blew It

Genesis 3:1-24

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Moses has shown us in the first two chapters of Genesis that Adam and Eve had every reason to trust God's loving provision, and yet they chose to trust themselves over the Creator. The effects of that choice were catastrophic: breaking humanity's intended relationship with God and with all of creation.

- The Temptation
- The Sin
- The Consequences

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¹Now the serpent was more crafty 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'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that 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 wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Scripture this week:

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
¹⁶ To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”
¹⁷ And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Genesis 3:1-24

What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize Genesis 1? How would you summarize Genesis 2?
2. Why do you think Moses starts Chapter 3 so abruptly?
3. How would you summarize Genesis 3:1-5?
4. Describe the process of Eve's temptation. What are the key factors according to Moses?
5. When exactly does Eve sin? How does she sin?
6. What did Adam and Eve become aware of immediately when their eyes were opened?
7. How would you summarize the next section—Genesis 3:7-13?
8. Does God know what had happened? If so, what is the purpose of His questions?
9. What was Adam and Eve's response to God's question as to why they ate? Anything you see that's missing?
10. How would you summarize Genesis 3:14-24?
11. What was the result of sin? For the serpent? For Eve? For Adam?
12. Why did God make Adam and Eve leave the garden?
13. How would you describe the big idea of Genesis 3?

How does it apply?

1. Where do you most clearly see the brokenness of the fall? On the news, in yourself, in your family, in other relationships, at work...?
2. The serpent uses half-truths to tempt Eve. How does Satan use half-truths today to tempt us away from trusting God? What are some examples?
3. Pick some overt sins and trace them back to how they begin as a lack of trust in God's provision. (stealing, lying, adultery, murder, gossip...)
4. Where are you tempted to believe that God's provision for you is not best?
5. Finish this sentence: The more clearly I see the brokenness (in me and around me), the more I will...