



Paradise Lost

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-9

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THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

That is to say that evil is _____, and, therefore, there's something that _____ be _____ about it.

HOW WAS PARADISE LOST?

1. Through a _____.
 - The purpose of the serpent's question was to create an _____ for the _____.
 - To sneer at everything, to be cynical about everything, to question everything puts you in the _____ seat.
2. Through a _____... for the _____.
 - The lie is attacking the _____ of God.
3. Through a _____... to test the _____.
 - Adam and Eve took a _____ thing and used it to act as their own _____.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

- The essence of sin is striving to be your own _____, your own _____, calling the shots in your own life.
- You can sin just as much by trying to _____ the rules as by _____ them.
- The result of sin is _____ from God.

_____ in the second garden, going to the second tree, as the second Adam, is the answer to the joke, the lie, and the tree.

The love of Jesus in your life gives you both _____ and _____.

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¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die..."

¹ 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'?"

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

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."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 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.

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?"

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