

# The Journey

## Series 02: Corruption

### Week 09: Adam and Eve Disobey

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#### Review (Where We Have Been)

##### Key Review Verses...

**Genesis 1:1 (ESV)** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

*Eternal God is the Creator of everything. He spoke and it existed.*

**Genesis 1:27 (ESV)** So God created man in his own image...

*Man was God's most prized creation and created in His image - mind, emotions, and will. He alone can live in relationship with God.*

**Genesis 1:31 (ESV)** God saw everything that he had made, and...it was very good.

*Everything God created was perfect.*

**Genesis 2:8 (ESV)** And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. **9** And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

*Tree of Life – eating meant man agreed that God was the source, upholder, authority of his life (choosing to live dependent on God's words)*

*Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil – eating meant death for man (choosing to live independent of God's words)*

**Genesis 2:17 (ESV)** "...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- Spiritual Death (immediate) – separation from a relationship with God
- Physical Death (future) – separation of soul and spirit from the body
- Eternal Death (forever) - separation from God eternally

**Ezekiel 28:15 (ESV)** You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

**Isaiah 12:13 (ESV)** You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven... I will set my throne on high... **14** I will make myself like the Most High."

*Satan lifted himself up in pride and to be like God, and even overthrow Him.*

## BIG Idea

Satan sinned against his Creator, and God banned him from his former position, but Satan wasn't sorry for what he'd done.

Satan wanted to *get back at God*.

“Satan may have become jealous of the fellowship that Adam and Eve enjoyed with God. Satan may have observed their relationship and said, ‘I want them to worship me! I want to rule humanity. I want to walk with them in the garden. I will ascend unto the high heavens. I will take over the seat of the Most High.’” – Eric Hovind

## Information (What We Need to Know)

### *What Adam and Eve enjoyed...*

- **The Garden** (God created everything they needed for sustenance and enjoyment)
- **Each Other** (God created them for companionship and completion)
- **God** (There was unhindered fellowship between Adam, Eve, and God)

### *Satan's plan to get back at God...*

- **Satan determines** what God loves (and seeks to destroy and distort it)
  - ✓ Created man in His image
  - ✓ Cared for man in the garden
  - ✓ Commanded man not to eat from the tree (an act of protection)

- **Satan disguises himself** (as a helper)

**Genesis 3:1 (ESV)** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman...

**Revelation 12:9 (ESV)** ...that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world...

- **Satan sows doubt** about what God has said

**Genesis 3:1 (ESV)** He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

- ✓ Eve understood God's commandment and the consequence for disobedience

**Genesis 3:2 (ESV)** And 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.’”

- ✓ Eve added to God's original commandment (never said anything about touch)

**Genesis 3:2 (ESV)** ...neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

▪ **Satan distorts God's character**

**Genesis 3:4 (ESV)** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- ✓ Eve (and Adam) had no reason to doubt God's goodness (they had everything)
- ✓ Satan presented God as someone who was withholding something from them
  - Satan promised an expanded knowledge (this was a half-truth)
  - Satan promised they would become like God
  - Satan wanted them to rebel against God (as he had done), as if it would benefit them if she and Adam ate and became independent of God

"Satan is the great Deceiver – God's enemy and our enemy. He does not want us to listen to God's Word and will use any means to hinder us from doing so. He wants us to live our lives to please ourselves and, in the end, be separated from God forever." – Firm Foundations

***Actions of Eve and Adam...***

▪ **They chose to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**

**Genesis 3:6 (ESV)** So 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.

- ✓ Satan's lies convinced Eve that God was withholding something from her (she was discontent with what she could eat and chose what she couldn't eat)
- ✓ Adam also chose (out of rebellion) to live independent of God's words and ways  
Eve sinned as a result of being deceived. Adam's sin was conscious and willful, with devastating consequences for the whole human race." – ESV Study Bible

▪ **They were immediately separated from God**

**Genesis 3:7 (ESV)** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** And 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.

- ✓ They experienced spiritual death – relationship was now broken
  - They tried to cover their guilt and shame through clothing themselves
  - They hid from God's presence because they were afraid of Him
- ✓ They were now in the process of physical and eternal death

## Application (What We Need to Do)

Adam and Eve's sin is a pattern for sin in our own lives.

We either choose to live dependent on God's words or believe that He is not telling the truth.

**Choosing to live independent of God and sin is SERIOUS.**

Sin is so serious that the consequence is death – immediate, future, and eternal.

**Romans 6:23 (ESV) For the wages of sin is death...**

Let's conclude with this thought...

The wages you must pay for sin is death. There is no other way out.

People (and even churches) may try to say that there are other payments for sin...

- Being christened
- Becoming church members
- Being baptized
- Going to church
- Praying
- Reading the Bible
- Being good parents
- Endeavoring to be law-abiding citizens
- Showing kindness to others

It's a harsh concluding thought, but as Adam and Eve would die for their sin, your sin is also punishable by death **alone**.