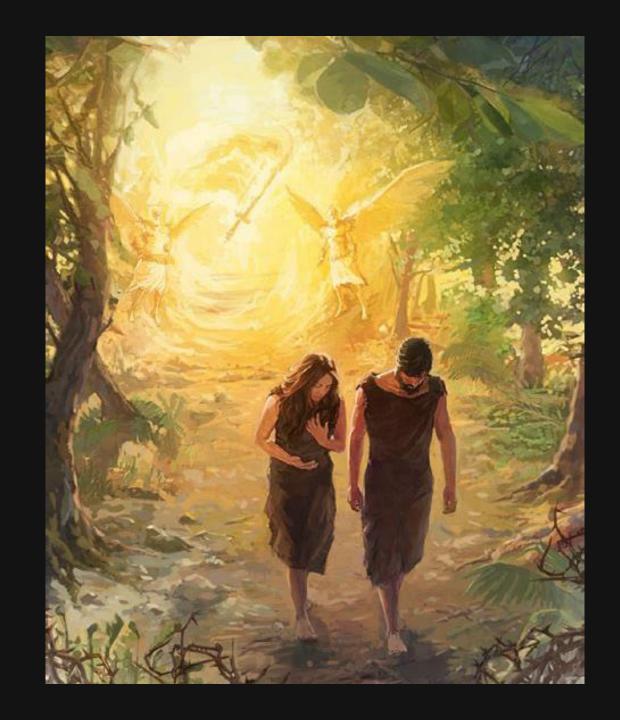
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#### WHY WERE ADAM AND EVE CREATED?

- A. To fellowship God and give Him pleasure
- B. To have dominion over everything God had made
- C. To have children and populate the Earth
- D. To be custodians of the Garden of God

#### ORIGINALLY IN THE GARDEN

- Adam & Eve were PHYSICALLY ALIVE.
- Adam & Eve were SPIRITUALLY ALIVE.
- Adam & Eve inherited from creation SIGNIFICANCE.
- Adam & Eve inherited from creation SAFETY AND SECURITY
- Adam & Eve inherited from creation the sense of BELONGING.

THEY WERE LIVING IN A COVENANT AGREEMENT w/ GOD

- THE CULMINATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ADAM & EVE IS THAT: THEY WOULD BECOME EACH OTHERS' COMPLETERS & INDISPENSABLE COMPANIONS
- They Were Married -- Living In Unity As One
- They Were Given The Power Of Creation
- They Had And A Mandate To Be Fruitful & Increase In Number -
  - To Fill The Earth And Subdue It
- To Take Dominion & Rule Over The Earth & Creation

## WHAT WARNING DID GOD GIVE TO ADAM AND EVE WHEN HE PLACED THEM IN THE GARDEN?

• Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV) 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 of it you will surely die."

 He warned them not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

## WHY WOULD GOD PLACE IN THE GARDEN A TREE FROM WHICH ADAM AND EVE WERE NOT TO EAT?

 God put the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden to give Adam and Eve a choice to obey Him or disobey Him.

 In order for Adam and Eve to truly be free, they had to have a choice.

- THE LORD SAID TO ADAM...
- 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.

- Notice God does not say, "If you eat of that tree, I'm going to kill you." He says, "If you eat of the tree, it will kill you."
- JON COURSON

### THE EXISTENCE AND DEFINITION OF SIN

"Sin is getting something that is good --desirable in a bad --that is ungodly, unrighteous, unlawful way."

### Sin Includes

- 1. Disobeying or breaking the law
- 2. Violating relationships with people
- 3. Rebellion and rejection of God

### Other descriptions of sin include

- 1. Unrighteousness 1 John 5: 17
- 2. Failure to do what is right when you know the right thing to do James 4: 17
- 3. Whatever is not of faith Romans 14: 23

### SIN IS A VIOLATION AND BREAKING OF GOD'S LAW.

• When We Sin, We Put Ourselves In That Place Of Separation From God And From His Life Of Holiness

 In The Same Fallen State That Adam And Eve Found Themselves In.

# HOW WAS IT THAT THIS SIN WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE HUMAN RACE?

- Man Was Created Good And Upright; For God Said, "Let Us Make Man In Our Own Image, After Our Likeness."
- However, Man By Voluntary Transgression Fell And Thereby Incurred Not Only Physical Death But Also Spiritual Death, Which Is Separation From God

## ADAM WAS OUR CHAMPION BUT HE FELL INTO SIN WHICH HAS INFECTED ALL OF US, LIKE A DEADLY DISEASE

Romans 5:12-14 (NIV) 12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-- 13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

# BECAUSE OF MANKIND'S WILLING DECISION TO GO AGAINST GOD'S WILL. THE IDEAL SETTING OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN WAS SHATTERED.

**Genesis 3:6–7 (NIV)** – 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.

## WHAT INSTRUMENT DID SATAN USE TO TEMPT MAN TO SIN?

- Satan used the serpent to question the Word of God, bringing doubt and temptation to the woman.
- Evil, Sin And Temptation Came From The Outside Of Humankind;
- They Came From Satan, Using The Serpent.

The Serpent said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

- This is the first question in the Bible.
- Before this, there were only answers.

 This is the age-old ruse of Satan = to question God's word.

Never put a question mark where God puts a period.

Satan's strategy in tempting Eve was to plant a seed of doubt.

To ask a question and put a question mark, where God made a clear statement.

## WHAT WAS SATAN TRYING TO BRING ABOUT THROUGH THE WORDS OF THE SERPENT?

- A. The serpent was trying to get the woman to doubt the Word of God.
- B. He was trying to create a desire in the woman for things forbidden by God.
- C. He was trying to create in woman a disobedience to God's commands. The

## ONCE WE BEGIN TO SUSPECT GOD INSTEAD OF TRUSTING HIM, WE INEVITABLY DRIFT AWAY FROM HIM.

- Lie #1: God is to blame for the evil that Satan has inflicted on our lives.
- Lie #2: God has not rewarded me for being good. I've been used, not blessed!
- Lie #3: God's rules are restrictive and oppressive. He just wants to take the fun out of my life.
- •Lie #4: God is good to others but not to me. He must not love me! --warren Wiersbe

## SATAN TRIES TO GET YOU TO BUY INTO HIS DECEPTION THAT

- You have a right to question God;
- you have a right to doubt God;
- you have a right to distrust God.
- All sin follows the same pattern.

And that leads to disobedience.

#### **JOHN MAC ARTHUR**

## THERE IS NOTHING GOOD, REWARDING OR PROMISING ABOUT SIN

- And Yet Even Thru Sin -- There Remains A Promise For Sinners
- God Has A Remedy
- God's Remedy For Sin Is The Salvation Of Man
- Genesis 3:21 (NIV) The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

# THE MOMENT THEY SINNED... THEY WERE ASHAMED AND MADE THEMSELVES SOME CLOTHING OUT OF FIG LEAVES

God rejected their fig leaves but made for them some clothing of skins,

THEY WERE RECIPIENTS OF THE FIRST BLOOD SACRIFICE FOR THE WAGES OF THEIR SIN

## MAN'S ONLY HOPE OF REDEMPTION IS THROUGH THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD.

- Heaven Is A Free Gift It Is Something You Cannot Earn
  & Do Not Deserve
- We Have All Sinned And Fallen Short
- God Solved Mans Greatest Dilemma Sin.
  In & Thru The Person Of Jesus Christ
- Key That Unlocks This Greatest Of All Blessings...
  Is The Key Of Faith

## **Taking Inventory**

Are you drifting in doubt?

 Pray and ask God to reveal the lies that Satan is using in your life.

Do you suspect God, or do you trust Him?