

GENESIS

PARADISE LOST

Genesis 3:1-7



Now 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?'"

Genesis 3:1–3

God's Word Is Questioned

Everything that God has said is good. We are tempted to sin when we begin to doubt his goodness.

The Lord is good to all and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalm 145:9

Are you trusting in God's goodness?

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 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.'"

Genesis 3:3

God's Word Is Twisted

We fall into temptation when we don't believe in and live out the Word of God.

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.

Luke 6:47

Are you living your life on the firm foundation of Scripture?

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.”

Genesis 3:4–5

Pride Comes Before The Fall

We sin when we think our way is better than God's way.

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 11:2

Are you exchanging roles with God?

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.

Genesis 3:6

Justifying Sin

We are so sinful we get to the point where we think our sin is actually a good thing.

But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:14-15

Are you justifying your sin?

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

Genesis 3:7

God Give Us What We Want

Adam and Eve wanted their eyes opened,
and they were.

*And since they did not see fit to acknowledge
God, God gave them up to a debased mind
to do what ought not to be done.*

Romans 1:28

Could it be that God is giving you what you want?