



INTENDED FOR GOOD

THE BOOK OF GENESIS



Genesis 3:1

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

Biblical Worldview:

“We have a real, personal enemy called ‘Satan’ or ‘The Devil’ who is opposed to God and the things of God.”

Satan was an angel created by God who turned against God's authority (Isaiah 14:13) and became the head of a kingdom of evil spirits called demons (Matthew 25:41). His power is great and should not be underestimated. However, while Satan and his forces are formidable enemies, Jesus Christ crushed Satan's power, fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 3:15. The cross of Christ won the victory (John 12:31), and Jesus will one day destroy Satan's power completely and purify creation (2 Peter 3:10).

The World We Live In

The Bible says that “the whole world is under the control of the evil one” (1 John 5:19), and we must “be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Yet Christians have a great hope, for Jesus Christ (John 16:33) and our faith in Him (1 John 5:4) have overcome Satan’s evil. “The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Genesis 3:2–3

2 “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. **3** “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

Genesis 2:15–17

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. **16** But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— **17** except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.**”

Genesis 3:4–5

4 **“You won’t die!”** the serpent replied to the woman. 5 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and **you will be like God**, knowing both good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6–7

6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. **7** At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

The Expositor's Bible Commentary

Their knowledge of "good and evil" that was to make them "like God" resulted in the knowledge that they were no longer even like each other: they were ashamed of their nakedness, and they sewed leaves together to hide their differences from each other. They sought wisdom, but found only vanity and toil.

We Are Born In Adam, In Sin

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone...

21 So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death...

Romans 5:12, 18, 21

We Are Born—Again Through Jesus Christ, Set Free From Sin and Death

16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. **17** For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:16-17