

A close-up photograph of a lit oil lamp. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a blue base. The lamp is dark, and the background is black. The text "Hope's Beginning" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the upper part of the image.

Hope's Beginning

Genesis 3



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1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not



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die! ⁵ "For God knows that in the day 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 tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were



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naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. ⁸ 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. ⁹ ¶ Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."



Work of the Word

- A place of God's Presence
 - Every "kind" specified by God
 - Let US make man in OUR image
 - Created to name (2:19) & rule (1:26-28)
 - Eat freely... but...

Choice of hearts

- Adam and Eve knew God!
 - Creation was open and full of life
 - Rebellion (Ezk 28-14; Isa 14:12-14)
 - The serpent... identified in Rev 20:2
 - Subtle, shrewd, sly = deception

Doubt and Fear

- Did God say...
- Attacking the Character/Nature
 - God is denying you something...
 - Disobey and take it – it's 'good'!
 - And they knew good/evil – naked...

Moment of Sin

- Hiding from each other
- Hiding from God
 - Consequences of good/evil knowledge
- God goes seeking! Questions...



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14 ¶ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Hope is GIVEN

- Failed, broken, ashamed, covering
- I will put – God starts the battle
 - Seeds – time and stories of God
 - A final conflict
- THE CROSS!

