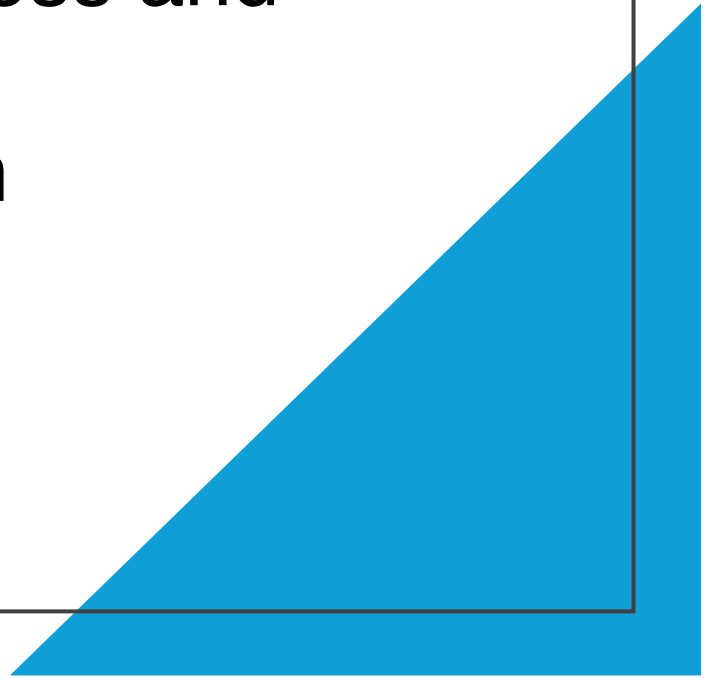


Study Questions for Genesis 3

1. How is the serpent introduced in verse 1? What words are used to describe it?
2. What exactly does the serpent ask the woman? How does he twist God's words?
3. Compare Eve's response in verses 2–3 with God's original command in Genesis 2:16–17. What differences do you notice?
4. In verse 6, what three things does the woman see about the tree?
5. In what way is Genesis 3:15 considered the first promise of the gospel (the "protoevangelium")?
6. How do Adam and Eve respond when God questions them (vv. 9–13)?
7. What judgments does God give to the serpent, the woman, and the man (vv. 14–19)?
8. Why do you think God prevented Adam and Eve from eating from the tree of life after their sin?

Satan

- **When did the fall of Satan happen?**
 - Some believe it happened before verses 2 and 3 while the earth was formless and void.
 - Some believe it was after creation between chapters 2 and 3.



Fall of Satan

- **Isaiah 14:12–15**

¹² “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! ¹³ “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly. In the recesses of the north. ¹⁴ ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ “Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

- **Ezekiel 28:17**

¹⁷ “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground;

- **Revelation 12:3–4**

- ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems. ⁴ And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.....

- **Revelation 12:7–9**

- ⁷ And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, ⁸ and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.



Temptation

- **Satan twists what God said.**
- “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

- **Eve's Response**

- “the woman said to the serpent, “from the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 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.’”- v.2,3

- **Eve was able to communicate with the serpent.**

- Adam and Eve able to communicate with animals before the fall?
- Numbers 22 the Donkey speaks to Balaam.

• Satan

• Satan lies and challenges God. V.4

- “you surely will not die!” 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.”

• This is exactly what happened.

• Genesis 3:7

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked;

• Genesis 3:22

²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil;

The root cause of temptation and sin

Genesis 3:6

- 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.

1 John 2:16

- ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes** and the **boastful pride of life**, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Jesus temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

- Stones into bread (lust of the flesh)
- All kingdoms of the world, (lust of the eyes)
- Throw yourself down from the temple to prove yourself. (pride of life)

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

- Pleasures (lust of the flesh)
- Possessions (lust of the eyes)
- Achievements and greatness. (pride of life)

Genesis 3:7

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

- **Why was the loin covered?**
 - Loins is where the reproductive organs are.
 - It was central to man's existence and his calling to be fruitful and multiply.

Punishment

- **Serpent**

Genesis 3:14,15. (Micah 7:17)

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.”

The Woman

Genesis 3:16

¹⁶ To the woman He said,
“I will greatly **multiply**
Your pain in childbirth,
In **pain** you will **bring**
forth children;
Yet your **desire** will be
for your husband,
And he will **rule** over
you.”

Genesis 4:7

⁷ If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up?
And if you do not do well, sin
is crouching at the door; and
its **desire** is for you, but you
must master it.”

- **The Man**

Genesis 3:17–19

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;

Cursed is the **ground** because of you;

In **toil** you will eat of it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ “Both **thorns and thistles** it shall grow for you;

And you will eat the plants of the field;

¹⁹ **By the sweat of your face You will eat bread,**

Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken;

For you are dust, And **to dust you shall return.**”

Study Questions for Gen. 4

1. What was the difference in Abel and Caine's offering in verses 3 and 4? Why was one acceptable and the other not?
2. In verse 7, what does it mean that sin is crouching at the door and its desire is for him?
3. In what way was Cain cursed considering all of creation was already cursed when Adam and Eve fell?
4. In the line of Cain what developments are listed here that was not mentioned previously? (vs17-21)
5. Lamech states in verses 23 and 24 that he killed a man and a boy. What do you notice with Lamech's attitude toward his actions?
6. What is the significance of Seth's birth?
7. What did men begin to do at the end of chapter 4? What is the significance of this?

Discussion Questions for Gen.3

1. What is something that you thought the bible taught but after careful study found out that you were mistaken?
2. In what way do you struggle with lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the boastful pride of life? What area do you feel the most vulnerable?
3. Would you say that you are generally open about your failures or do you tend to hide? What consequences will it bear if you are in the habit of hiding your sins?