

FALL OF MAN

The Garden of Eden

'Garden of Pleasure and Delight'

God formed man out of the dust of the ground and created him perfect, sinless, and innocent. God created a garden that would provide for all of Adam's physical needs.

Genesis 2:7-10 "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in _____; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

Isaiah 51:3 "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like _____; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

God's Gifts to Mankind

1. PURPOSE

a. God's Image Bearer on Earth

Genesis 1:26-27 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after _____: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

b. Work

Genesis 2:15 "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and _____."

c. Worship

Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.
Revelations 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for _____ they are and were created."

Side Note:

Image of God in greek is "Tselem", meaning a representative figure!

d. Multiply

Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and _____, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

2. COMMAND

Even in man's innocent state, God still set boundaries.

Genesis 2:16-17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely _____."

3. COMMUNITY

The first time God says something was not good in his creation was when Adam was alone without other human interaction.

Genesis 2:18 "And the LORD God said, It is _____ that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. "

What happens when we lack community?

TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

ManKind had 2 Choices

Obey God By not eating of the fruit, mankind would rely on God to define good and evil for them.

Disobey God By eating the fruit they would rebel against God's command, choosing rather to try and live apart from God and not trusting him.

Read **Genesis 2:17**

What was the punishment for eating the fruit and why do you think the punishment was so severe?

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The Fall

Read [Genesis 3:1-7](#)

Side Note:
The name Satan
means "the
accuser"!

Satan | The Serpent

[Revelation 20:2](#) "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the _____, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,"

Read [Isaiah 14:12-15](#). Why did Satan or Lucifer fall from Heaven?

How did the serpent tempt Eve? Pay close attention to verses 4-6.

In what ways has Satan tempted you to disobey God's word? Reflect on [1 John 2:16-17](#).

Satan will do anything in his power to get us to disobey God. He will try and get us to believe that God is withholding good from us. Satan will try to get our eyes off the garden full of fruit and onto the one thing God commanded us to abstain from!

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THE CURSE

Read Genesis 3:7-24

Satan | Serpent

1. Upon thy belly.
 - a. The serpent was cursed due to being the tool by which Satan used to tempt the woman.
2. Enmity (a state of opposition) between women and the serpent.
 - a. The serpent is cursed to have his head crushed by the seed of the woman. This is the first prophecy in the Bible of the coming Christ!

Eve | Woman

1. Pain through child birth.
 - a. Though her seed will bring about salvation it will be through the pain of labor.
2. Desire shall be to her husband.
 - a. Subjection to the man would now become something that is burdensome to the woman.

Adam | Man

1. Earth is cursed.
 - a. The whole Earth feels the effects of sin.
2. Work becomes difficult.
 - a. God placed man in a garden that provided for them. Through the curse, now man will not enjoy the full provision of God, but must work and toil to bring about little.

What are some consequences you have faced when you disobeyed God?

SIN ENTERS THE WORLD

Death

Physical Death

God delivered the punishment he warned Adam of should he disobey. Now, due to sin, physical death and disease plagues mankind.

Genesis 3:19 "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Spiritual Death

The Second death, also called Hell, is reserved for sinners who rebel against God by denying his son.

James 1:15 "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth _____."

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Revelation 20:14 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the _____."

Image of God Fractured

The Image of God (Tselem) was fractured. We no longer represent God the way that we were created to because of sin. We are created in the image of God, but born after the similitude (likeness) of Adam. Jesus was the perfect Image of God "Tselem" restoring what was broken!

1 Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the _____ was made a quickening spirit."

Ability to Redefine Good and Evil

After the fall, mankind would begin to define what is Good and what is Evil rather than obeying what God said is Good and Evil!

Read **Genesis 3:10-11**

After Adam and Eve sinned, they realized they were naked and thought it shameful, even though God created them that way. Today, we are still trying to redefining good and evil to fit our desires.