

## SESSION 4

# GOD PUT ADAM AND HIS WIFE OUT OF THE GARDEN

God said that Adam and his wife would die if they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We can read what happened after they ate the fruit.



GENESIS 3:7

<sup>7</sup> At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

God's story says that *their eyes were opened*. This means that they knew things that they had not known before. Adam and his wife saw everything differently after they ate the fruit. It was a very bad thing that happened to them when they disobeyed God. God's story says that they *felt shame* that they were naked. They wanted to cover their naked bodies. So they sewed fig<sup>35</sup> leaves together to cover themselves. Satan told them it would be a good thing for them to eat the fruit. But it was a terrible<sup>36</sup> thing. Satan said that they would be like God, but this was not true. Satan had lied to them. They were not happy any more. They did not feel at home in the garden that God had made for them.

God said that they would die if they ate the fruit. But they were still alive and walking around in their physical<sup>37</sup> bodies. Everything that God says is always true. So what did happen? What did God mean when he said that they would die?

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35. **fig** - a kind of tree

36. **terrible** - a very, very bad thing; something that makes you very afraid

37. **physical** - flesh and blood bodies

## HIS STORY: THE RESCUE

God said that they would die and that was true. When they ate the fruit, they did start to die. Before they ate the fruit there was no death in the world. God was the maker of life and he was there with them so they would stay alive with him. But when they disobeyed God, they cut themselves off from him. Their physical bodies started to die. From this point onward, they would begin to grow old and later their bodies would die.

Adam and his wife had done what Satan wanted them to do. Remember that God said that he would punish Satan and send him to the place of death? He said he would send the demons who had turned against him to that place too. That place is for all of God's enemies. Now that Adam and his wife had turned against God, they would have to go to that place of death too. They had become the enemies of God. So they would have to go to the place of death with God's enemies.

God's story says that Adam and his wife sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. They felt shame because they were naked. Before they ate the fruit, they were happy and not ashamed. Now they felt that it was bad to be naked. This was because they had turned against God. They hadn't listened to him. God wanted them to be happy and to let him be the one to tell them what was good and what was evil. He wanted them to live together in the garden with him and to be free. But they decided to go against what God wanted. They had made a very bad choice. Now they tried to fix everything and make it better. They tried to cover their naked bodies with leaves. Now they thought that being naked was bad, so they tried to make themselves good again. They went and found a fig tree, and made some clothes from the leaves.



GENESIS 3:8

<sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.

Adam and his wife heard God walking in the garden. God had been with them there many times before. They had loved being with God and talking with him. But this time they hid themselves from God. They were afraid of God so they hid from him. Everything had changed and everything was wrong. God did not want it to be that way. God did not plan it that way.

Adam and his wife were ashamed and they were afraid. That is why they hid from God. They had listened to God's enemy, Satan. They had done what Satan wanted them to do. Because they had followed Satan, they were ashamed.

They were afraid of God. God is always perfect and always good in everything he does. So he could not just ignore<sup>38</sup> what Adam and his wife had done. His way of doing things is the very best way. But Adam and the woman had chosen a different way to do things. God always does the right thing, so he had to do the right thing now that they had disobeyed him. Adam and his wife were afraid of what God was going to do.

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38. **ignore** - to act like you don't know about something; to do nothing about something

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GENESIS 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup> He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

<sup>11</sup> “Who told you that you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup> The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

God called out to Adam, asking where he was. God knew where Adam was. And he knew that Adam and his wife had eaten the fruit that he had told them not to eat. He knew that they had listened to Satan and that they had disobeyed him. God knows everything. God called out because he knew Adam and the woman needed him. God knew they were afraid of him because they were ashamed. So he called out to them to speak to them. Even though they had disobeyed God, God still wanted to talk to them.

God asked Adam and his wife some questions. God knows everything. So God already knew the answers to his questions. He asked the questions to show Adam and the woman some things. He wanted them to tell him about what they had done. He wanted them to tell him that they had done the wrong thing. He loved them and he wanted them to talk to him about what they had done.

God asked if they knew they were naked because they had eaten the fruit. Adam said that it was the woman that God had given him who gave him the fruit to eat. When God asked the woman what she had done, she said it was the serpent who had tricked her. They did not tell God that they had done something wrong. They both tried to blame<sup>39</sup> someone else.



GENESIS 3:14

<sup>14</sup> Then the Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

God spoke to the snake. He said that it would now crawl along the ground in the dust. We don’t know what snakes looked like before this time. But we do know that God did this to the snakes because Satan used the body of a snake to trick Adam and his wife. When God is talking to the snake here, he is also talking to Satan.

Then God said something else to Satan.

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39. **blame** - to say that someone or something else caused something to happen

## HIS STORY: THE RESCUE



GENESIS 3:15

<sup>15</sup> And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring.  
He will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

God said that he would *cause hostility between* Satan and the woman. That means that they would be enemies. And God said that *her offspring* would be Satan’s enemies. When it says *her offspring* it is talking about a person who would be born later. This person would be an enemy of Satan’s.

God said *he will strike your head and you will strike his heel*. God said that a man would be born later who would strike Satan’s head, and that Satan would strike his heel. This means that in the future, a man was going to come and fight Satan. God said that Satan would hurt this man in some way. But Satan would not destroy<sup>40</sup> him. That is what God meant when he said that only the man’s heel would be hurt. But God said that the man was going to hurt Satan’s head. God was telling Satan that this man would win the fight. That is what God meant when he said *he will strike your head*. Satan was going to be defeated<sup>41</sup> by him.

Let’s see what else God said.



GENESIS 3:16

<sup>16</sup> Then he said to the woman,  
“I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy,  
and in pain you will give birth.  
And you will desire to control your husband,  
but he will rule over you.”

God told the woman that after this time she would have more pain when her children were born. He also said that she would not be able to decide things for herself. She would have to do what her husband said.



GENESIS 3:17-19

<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said,  
“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree  
whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,  
the ground is cursed because of you.  
All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.  
<sup>18</sup> It will grow thorns and thistles for you,  
though you will eat of its grains.  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow  
will you have food to eat  
until you return to the ground  
from which you were made.  
For you were made from dust,  
and to dust you will return.”

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40. **destroy** - to kill, to ruin, or to end something so that it isn’t there any more

41. **defeated** - to be the one to lose in a fight

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God told Adam what was then going to happen. Adam would have to work very hard to get food from the earth. God said that the earth had changed and it would now be a hard place to live. Their lives would be difficult<sup>42</sup> and painful. They would only get food if they did very hard work.



GENESIS 3:20

<sup>20</sup> Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live.

Then Adam *named his wife Eve*. The name Eve means ‘to live’ or ‘to breathe.’ Eve would be the mother and the ancestor of all people who lived after her. God put her name here in his story because he wanted us to know something important. He wanted us to know that now life would be difficult for all people. All people are the ancestors of Adam and Eve. For all people who came after them, there would be pain, and life would be hard. All people who came after Adam and Eve would be the same as they were. They would grow old and die. They would be God’s enemies. They would go to the place of death after their bodies died.



GENESIS 3:21

<sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Adam and Eve knew they were naked and they were ashamed. So they made clothes of leaves. But now God made different clothes for them. He made them out of animal *skins*. He gave these new clothes to Adam and Eve to put on.

Adam and Eve wanted to try to fix the bad thing they had done. They made their own clothes. But Adam and Eve could not fix what they had done. Only God could help them.

God made clothes out of animal skins. This means that God had to kill some animals to make the clothes. This is the first time in God’s story that animals died. The animals did not do anything wrong. They died because Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Adam was given the work of taking care of the animals. He had given each one a name. Now some animals had died because of what Adam and Eve had done.

God didn’t leave Adam and Eve on their own. They had disobeyed him, but he still helped them. God loved them and helped them even after they had disobeyed him. He helped them to cover their shame. He did it in his way, because that is the only right way. Only God knew the clothing that they needed. They could not make their own clothing. Only God could make clothing that would cover what they had done.

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42. **difficult** - not easy

## HIS STORY: THE RESCUE



GENESIS 3:22-24

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!” <sup>23</sup> So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. <sup>24</sup> After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Now God’s story tells us about what God was thinking. He was thinking about the people he had made. God said *“Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil.”* God said that the people now knew good and evil. God knew that if Adam and Eve stayed in the garden they would live forever. If they stayed in the garden they could eat from the tree of life and they would not die. Now that they had disobeyed God, he could not let them stay to eat the fruit of the tree of life and live forever.

Adam and Eve chose to go against God. They decided to go their own way, not God’s way. They should have asked God what was right and what was wrong. But they did not ask him. God knew that they would keep on making the wrong decisions and that very bad things would happen. Things would get worse<sup>43</sup> and worse. He knew it would not be good for them to live forever like that.

So God sent them out of the garden. He sent them out of the garden and there was no way they could get back in. God put powerful angel servants there to stop Adam and Eve from going back into the garden. Adam and Eve had lost the beautiful home that God had made for them. They could not eat the good things he had made. They could not eat from the tree of life and live forever. They could not enjoy the good work that he had given them to do. They could not be with God or talk to God in the garden. Now in their lives they would have pain and they would grow old and die. They would go to the place of death after their bodies died.

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43. worse - when something is not as good as it was before

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1. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?
2. When God asked them if they ate the fruit, what did they say?
3. How did God make clothes for Adam and Eve?
4. Name all the things that changed after Adam and Eve disobeyed God.



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