

What Went Wrong?!

Genesis 3:1-24 (NIV)

1. The Command God Proclaimed!

Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

A. Satan Disputed God's Command.

Genesis 3:1-5 (NIV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

- **He caused a discussion.** ¹ "... And he said to the woman . . ."
- **He created a doubt.** ¹ "... Did God really say, . . ."
- **He conveyed a distortion.** ¹ "'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Genesis 2:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

Genesis 2:2-3 (NIV) ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

- **He cast a denial.** ⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Genesis 2:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

- **He committed defamation.** ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

B. Adam and Eve Disobeyed God's Command.

Genesis 3:6 (NIV)

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Romans 5:12 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

- **It was infatuation that got Eve.** Genesis 3:6a (NIV)

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. . . .

James 1:14 (NIV) ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

- **It was influence that got Adam.** Genesis 3:6b (NIV)
⁶ . . . She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) ³³Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

1 Timothy 2:14 (NIV)

¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

2. The Curse God Pronounced!

Genesis 3:14-19 (NIV)

A. The Suffering Sin brought.

B. The Separation Sin brought.

Genesis 3:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

- **Adam ultimately died physically.** Genesis 5:5 (NIV)
⁵ Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

- **Adam immediately died spiritually.** Genesis 3:22-23 (NIV)
²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. The Clothing God Provided!

Genesis 3:21 (NIV)

A. Clothing that was Inappropriate.

Genesis 3:7 (NIV)

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

B. Clothing that was Illustrative.

Genesis 3:21 (NIV)

²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Romans 5:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.