

Adam and Eve, the First Sin

Introduction:

The earth had no form. It was dark and everything was in chaos. Then God spoke, "Light!" and light was created and separated from the darkness. There was day and night.

The next day God separated the waters above from the waters below, creating the heavens.

The third day God had all the waters separate into one space. He called the dry land "Earth" and the pools of water "Ocean". Then the land became filled with green plants and trees full of fruit.

On the fourth day the sun and the moon appeared as did the stars in the sky.

The fifth day, the oceans became full of sea creatures of all kinds. The birds began to fly in the sky. God told the sea animals and the birds of the sky to reproduce.

Then God told the animals to fill the earth. There were animals of every kind—mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects. He told them to reproduce too.

God decided to make human beings to be like Him and said, **"Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."** (Genesis 1:26)

These people God created reflected His nature. He made them male and female. He blessed them and said, **"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."**(Genesis 1:28)

God was pleased with His creation. After six days of work, God rested on the seventh day.

Story:

God made Man out of the dirt of the ground. He formed the man and then breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils. The man became a living being!

Next, God planted a garden in the land of Eden. He placed the man in the garden. The man was to work the garden and keep it in order. God told the man, **"You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you're dead."** (Genesis 2:16, 17)

God saw that the man was all alone. He decided to make Man a helper. He formed animals from the dust of the ground and made birds to fly in the air. Then God brought

them all to Man to see what Man would name them. Whatever name Man gave the animals became their name. Still there wasn't a companion for the man who was like him.

God put Man into a deep sleep. He took a rib from Man's side and made it into Woman. He brought the woman to Man and presented her to him.

Man said, "Finally! Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh! Name her Woman for she was made from Man." (Genesis 2:23)

The Bible tells us that this is why a man leaves his father and mother and takes a wife. Together the two of them become one flesh.

Man and Woman were naked, but they felt no shame.

The snake was the smartest of all the animals God had created. One day he came to Woman and said, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any tree in the garden?"

Woman replied, "Oh no. God said we can eat the fruit from any tree in the garden except the one in the middle of the garden. If we eat from it or even touch it, we will die."

The snake said, "You won't die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you'll see what's really going on. You'll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil." (Genesis 3:4, 5)

Woman decided the fruit of the tree looked good to eat. She believed it would make her wise so she ate the fruit. She gave some of it to her husband, and he ate it too.

Then their eyes opened up; they realized they were naked for the first time. They quickly sewed fig leaves together to make a covering for themselves.

When they heard God taking His evening walk in the garden, they hid from Him. God called out to Man, asking where he was. Man replied that he hid from God because he was naked.

God asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat the fruit from the forbidden tree?"

Man blamed it on his wife. He said, "The woman you made for my companion gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

God turned to Woman and asked her what she'd done. She blamed the snake for deceiving her into eating it.

God said to the snake: "Because you've done this, you're cursed, cursed beyond all cattle and wild animals,

**Cursed to slink on your belly
and eat dirt all your life.
I'm declaring war between you and the Woman,
between your offspring and hers.
He'll wound your head,
you'll wound his heel." (Genesis 3:14, 15)**

Next God spoke to Woman: **"I'll multiply your pains in childbirth;
you'll give birth to your babies in pain.
You'll want to please your husband,
but he'll lord it over you." (Genesis 3:16)**

God told Man: **"Because you listened to your wife
and ate from the tree
That I commanded you not to eat from,
'Don't eat from this tree,'
The very ground is cursed because of you;
getting food from the ground
Will be as painful as having babies is for your wife;
you'll be working in pain all your life long.
The ground will sprout thorns and weeds,
you'll get your food the hard way,
Planting and tilling and harvesting,
sweating in the fields from dawn to dusk,
Until you return to that ground yourself, dead and buried;
you started out as dirt, you'll end up dirt." (Genesis 3:17-19)**

The man became known as Adam. He named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living.

God made leather clothing to cover Adam and Eve. Then God said, **“The Man has become like one of us, capable of knowing everything, ranging from good to evil. What if he now should reach out and take fruit from the Tree-of-Life and eat, and live forever? Never—this cannot happen!” (Genesis 3:22)**

So God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. He sent them to work the ground. He set up angels—cherubim—with flaming swords to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

Summary:

The story I have just told you is about creation and how man was created in God's image. Man was created to have fellowship with God. God walked with Adam and Eve and talked to them in the cool of the

evening. When they disobeyed God and ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, they sinned.

You see the snake (also known as the devil) tried to get them to commit the same sin he'd committed. He was thrown out of heaven because of his pride. He wanted to be just like God. He tempted Eve by telling her she would become wise and know all things like God.

**The Bible tells us that this is how sin entered our world—through Adam's disobedience. Because of this, all men who are born are born sinners and suffer the consequences of sin—death. (Romans 5:12-
"When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.")**{NLT}}

Now Adam and Eve couldn't be as close to God as they had been before. They were ashamed and wanted to hide. Sin has that affect on us. Our consciences tell us that we've done wrong. We want to hide our sin and hide out from God. Did you notice that God knew that they were hiding? We really can't hide from God.

God provided a way for man to be restored to a right relationship with him. We can see the beginnings of this when God spoke to the snake and to Eve. He cursed the snake to crawl on his belly. He told him that he'd wound the heel of the woman's offspring, but the woman's offspring would wound his head. This meant that ultimately man would win over the snake/devil. God began to plan for a Second Adam to come and restore Man to his right relationship with God, by paying the price for sin. Romans 5:18,19 says this: "Yes, Adam's one sin brought condemnation upon everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness {dying on the cross} makes all people right in God's sight and gives them life. Because one person disobeyed God, many people became sinners. But because one other person {Jesus} obeyed God, many people will be made right in God's sight."(NLT)

Everyone who puts his trust in the finished work of Jesus on the cross, has his sins forgiven and is restored to a right relationship with God. Who would like to pray with me about that today?

Discussion Questions:

1. How was Man different from the rest of the animals God created? What was Man created to do?
2. When God placed Man in the garden what did He forbid Man from doing?
3. Who named the animals?
4. Why did God make Woman? How did He make Woman?
5. What did Adam say when he saw Woman for the first time?
6. How did the snake tempt Eve? Was what he said to her true?
7. What did Eve think would happen if she ate the fruit?
8. Did Eve tell the snake the same thing that God told them when He told them not to eat the fruit or did she exaggerate?
9. As soon as Adam and Eve ate the fruit what happened to them?
10. Why were they hiding from God when He came to walk in the garden?
11. Who did Adam blame for his sin?
12. Who did Eve blame for her sin? We call this blame-shifting. God expects each of us to accept the responsibility for our own actions even if they result in sin like Eve's and Adam's did. No one else can answer to God in our place.
13. What did God curse the snake with?
14. What did He curse Eve with?
15. What did God curse Adam with?
16. Why did God banish Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden?
17. Let's memorize **Romans 5:18,19** this week: “ **Yes, Adam's one sin brought condemnation upon everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness makes all people right in God's sight and gives them life. Because one person disobeyed God, many people became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many people will be made right in God's sight.**”