

THE FALL, THE CURSE AND THE ANSWER.

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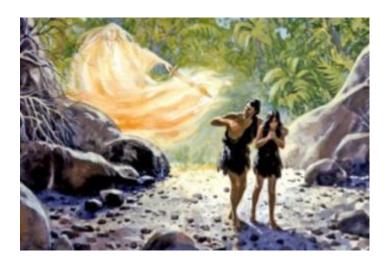
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#### **God's Perfect Creation**

In the beginning, God created man in His image and gave him dominion over all the earth (Genesis 1:26-30). Everything God made was good. There was no death, no pain, no suffering, no struggle. God Himself looked upon His creation and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

Man and woman lived in innocence, walking with God in perfect fellowship. There was no fear, no guilt, and no shame. But God gave them one commandment: "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 die" (Genesis 2:17).

This was a test of love and obedience.

It is like when a father tells his child not to touch the hot stove. The warning is not to ruin the child's fun, but to protect the child from harm. In the same way, God's command was for Adam's good.

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### The Fall

Satan entered the garden in the form of a serpent and spoke to Eve (Genesis 3:1). He questioned God's Word: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

This is how temptation always begins: by casting doubt on what God has clearly spoken. To question God's Word is to question God Himself.

Eve answered that they could eat of every tree except one. But she added something God never said: "neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die" (Genesis 3:3). Already, confusion had entered.

Satan then told a bold lie: "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). He deceived Eve into thinking God was withholding something good, saying, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

It is like a stranger whispering to a child, "Your parents do not want you to have candy because they want to keep something good from you." That is a lie meant to trick the child into disobeying. Eve believed the lie, ate the fruit, and gave to Adam, and he ate also.

With that act of disobedience, sin entered into the world.





### The Curse

Immediately, their innocence was gone. Their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked (Genesis 3:7). They hid from God because they were ashamed (Genesis 3:8-10). For the first time, fear replaced fellowship.

God confronted Adam, and Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent. No one took responsibility. This is the beginning of sin in every human heart: disobedience, blame, excuses, pride.

It is like when children get caught breaking a rule. One blames the other, the other blames something else, but neither admits the truth.

### God pronounced judgment.

To the woman: sorrow in childbirth and submission to her husband (Genesis 3:16).

To the man: the ground cursed, work filled with sweat, thorns, and death (Genesis 3:17-19).

**To both:** banishment from the garden, separation from the tree of life (Genesis 3:23-24).

Paul explains it this way: "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" (Romans 5:12).

Because of sin, death entered the world. All men die. All animals die. Even creation itself groans under the weight of sin (Romans 8:22).

And most of all, fellowship with God was broken. Man hid from God then, and man has been hiding from Him ever since.

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#### The Effects of the Fall

- Death became the reality for all. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).
- Man lost sight of his true purpose: to glorify God (Romans 11:36; 1
  Corinthians 10:31).
- Selfishness replaced love. Man put himself on the throne of his life.
- Minds became darkened. "Their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21).
- Consciences became seared (1 Timothy 4:2).
- Man became utterly unable to please God in his own strength. "The carnal mind is enmity against God" (Romans 8:7).

Sin is like a sickness that spreads to the whole body. It touches everything: our thoughts, our actions, our relationships, and our future.

### The Answer

But God, in His love, provided a way back.

Because of Adam's sin, every one of us is born separated from God. We carry a spiritual emptiness that no money, no power, no relationship, and no pleasure can ever fill. People try to fill it with friends, with addictions, with achievements. But it never works. At the end of the day, the void remains.

It is like trying to fill a broken cup with water. No matter how much you pour in, it leaks out. Only God can repair the cup. Only He can fill the emptiness.

God showed His love by sending His only begotten Son to die for our sins. At the cross, Christ took the curse upon Himself. "For he hath made him to be sin





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for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

What was lost at the Fall was reclaimed at the Cross.

Christ came to open our eyes, to turn us from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God (Acts 26:18). He came so we could walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). He came so that we could be restored to fellowship with God.

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46).

This is the answer: through Christ, the broken relationship is repaired, the curse is reversed, and eternal life is offered to all who believe, repent, and follow Him.

#### The Call

So, I ask you: have you answered that call, or are you still hiding from God like Adam did?

Do not wait for tomorrow. Do not wait for your family or your friends. Right here, right now, you have the chance to step out of darkness and into the light.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1).

Christ is calling. Will you answer Him today?





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### **Recap for Understanding**

- The Fall: Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Sin entered the world through their choice.
- The Curse: Sin brought death, separation from God, suffering, and selfishness.
- The Answer: God sent His Son, Christ, to take our sins, remove the curse, and restore our fellowship with Him.

Hold on to this truth: What was lost at the Fall can be reclaimed at the Cross.



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