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**What was Satan trying to accomplish with The Woman in the garden?**

**\*\*\* My personal questions**

**\*\*\* Who was Eve?**

Eve in the Bible was the wife of Adam, the first man that God created. Eve was the mother of Cain and Abel and Seth and “other sons and daughters” ([Genesis 4:1–2](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/4/Genesis-4-1.html), [25](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/4/Genesis-4-25.html); [5:4](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/5/Genesis-5-4.html)). Eve was the first woman, the first wife, and the first mother in the world.

The name *Eve* comes from the Hebrew word *chavâh*, which means “the living” or “life.” She was called “Eve” because she was the mother of all living ([Genesis 3:20](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/3/Genesis-3-20.html)). God created her after allowing Adam to see that he did not have among the animals a suitable companion—that is, there was no other creature like himself. So, God created Eve as Adam’s counterpart. Eve was made in God’s image, just as Adam was ([Genesis 1:27](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/1/Genesis-1-27.html)).

God gave a command to Adam (who relayed it to Eve) while he was living in the Garden of Eden. God’s command was not to eat of a tree called “the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” because, He warned, on the day they ate of that tree, they would surely die ([Genesis 2:17](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/2/Genesis-2-17.html)). The Bible does not tell us how long Adam and Eve lived in the garden without incident, but at some point, Eve gave into the temptation to eat from the forbidden tree. She was deceived by the serpent ([1 Timothy 2:13-14)](https://www.bibleref.com/1-Timothy/2/1-Timothy-2-13.html). who, it is generally believed, was a creature used by Satan. The serpent sowed doubt in Eve’s mind by asking her whether God had really meant what He said in forbidding eating the fruit from the tree ([Genesis 3:1](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/3/Genesis-3-1.html)). Then, the serpent fed Eve a lie: “You will not certainly die. . .. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” ([Genesis 3:4–5](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/3/Genesis-3-4.html)). Eve took some of the fruit and ate it, and then gave some to her husband, Adam, who also ate. Adam and Eve immediately understood what they had not previously understood; their eyes were open to both good and evil. But God had not lied; death came as a result of Eve and Adam’s disobedience.

**\*\*\* Where did she come from?**

Eve is described in the Book of Genesis as the first woman created by God. According to Genesis 2:21-22, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and took one of his ribs (or sides) to create Eve. This act signifies that she was made to be a companion for Adam.

**\*\*\* Where did Eve ‘s free will come from?**

Eve's free will is derived from the biblical account in Genesis, where God created humans with the ability to make their own choices, including the decision to obey or disobey Him. This concept is illustrated in the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, where they had the freedom to choose whether to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, leading to Fall.

**\*\*\* Who was Satan?**

Satan, also known as the Devil, is an entity in Abrahamic religions who entices humans into sin or falsehood. In Judaism, Satan is seen as an agent subservient to God, typically regarded as a metaphor for the yetzer hara, or 'evil inclination'.

**\*\*\* Where did he come from?**

Satan is often described as a fallen angel who rebelled against God. The Bible indicates that he was created as one of the first beings and held an elevated position among angels. His desire to be like God led to his rebellion and subsequent expulsion from heaven.

**\*\*\* What did Satan look like?**

Satan has been depicted in various ways throughout history, often as a red-hued figure with horns and a tail; however, these images are artistic interpretations. In the Bible, he is described as a spiritual being who can take different forms, such as a serpent in the Garden of Eden or masquerading as an angel of light.

**\*\*\* What did the serpent look like?**

The serpent in the Garden of Eden is often depicted as a cunning creature, but the Bible does not provide a clear description of its appearance. Some interpretations suggest it may have stood upright or even had wings before being cursed by God, transforming it into the limbless snake we know today.

**\*\*\* And where did the serpent come from?**

The serpent in Genesis is introduced as a creature created by God, described as "craftier than any other beast of the field" (Genesis 3:1). While the text does not provide a detailed origin story for the serpent, later interpretations link it to the concept of temptation and evil, often associating it with Satan, though this identification developed over time.

**\*\*\* Where did the tree of the knowledge of good and evil come from?**

This is one of the most shared questions that every believer asks. “Why did God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden in the first place? What was the purpose of it?”

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was not there to condemn Adam and Eve. If you read the book of Genesis, the tree was there to evaluate two things: firstly, their obedience, and secondly, their dependency. Would they choose to obey God, or would they independently choose to seek outside knowledge, in disobedience to God’s commands?

The purpose of the tree was much deeper than a test of obedience. It showed God’s gift of free will. If the tree were not there, then there would never have been an opportunity to choose obedience to God over anything else.

**\*\*\* Where did the tree of life come from?**

[The Tree of Life is a creation of God, specifically mentioned in the Bible as part of the Garden of Eden. It was created to support the physical and spiritual life of humankind. The Tree of Life was a life-giving tree created to support the physical and spiritual life of humankind. God established it in the Garden of Eden, where it was central to the life of Adam and Eve. The Tree of Life was a source of life, a gift from God to](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=b487b908553908f431591203b8f22e3dae047638e5b7cfb215506fe8b39e9bc8JmltdHM9MTc1NDk1NjgwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=1a0496d4-cec6-6ffb-3bd4-8092cf7c6e74&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYmlibGVzdHVkeS5vcmcvcXVlc3Rpb24vd2hlcmUtaXMtdGhlLXRyZWUtb2YtbGlmZS5odG1s&ntb=1).

**\*\*\* Was the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil real trees that had real fruit on them?**

The first mention of these two trees is found in [Genesis 2:8-9](https://ref.ly/Gen%202.8-9;esv?t=biblia).  “Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

God gave Adam instructions as to which trees he was allowed to eat the fruit of and from which tree he was not allowed to eat.

“And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’” [Genesis 2:16-17](https://ref.ly/Gen%202.16-17;esv?t=biblia)

This was a commandment from God, which, if disobeyed, would have dire consequences, ending in death. This was a simple test of obedience, which Adam completely understood.

After Eve came on the scene, Adam told her that they were not allowed to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. However, Satan, in the guise of a serpent, tempted her by telling her that she would not die if she ate from the tree of knowledge. When both Eve and Adam ate from the tree, their eyes were opened, and they saw their own nakedness. When they heard God walking in the garden, they hid and lied about what had happened. Below is the story from ([Genesis 3:1-13](https://ref.ly/Gen%203.1-13;esv?t=biblia))

Punishments were then levied on Adam, Eve, and the serpent (Satan). (See [Genesis 3:14-20](https://ref.ly/Gen%203.14-20;esv?t=biblia)) These punishments have impacted all of Adam’s progeny to this day, the end result of which is death.

Due to their sin, Adam and Eve were not allowed to stay in the Garden because the Garden contained the tree of life. If they ate from it, they would continue to live on forever. Furthermore, the ground outside the Garden was cursed (verse 17) or imperfect. By feeding on plants grown in that environment, man would eventually suffer the penalty of death. Below is the last part of the story regarding the tree of life from [Genesis 3:21-24](https://ref.ly/Gen%203.21-24;esv?t=biblia):

“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 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.”

So, the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed cherubim on the east side of the Garden of Eden. Cherubims with flaming swords flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

God created man in his “image” ([Genesis 1:26-27](https://ref.ly/Gen%201.26-27;esv?t=biblia)), which means that man can reason and to make choices. God could have made man a robot to always do what is right, but then he would not be in God’s “image.” God could have shielded man from Satan’s temptation, but then man would still have been subject to ambitions from within. In God’s wisdom, He foreknew that Adam would sin. However, Adam was head of his own God-given free will and could have chosen to obey God’s command.

God always allows humankind the option of choosing righteousness or sinfulness, just as He allowed Adam that choice. When God expelled disobedient Adam and Eve from his fellowship, they began to “know good and evil” ([Genesis 3:22](https://ref.ly/Gen%203.22;esv?t=biblia)) and to appreciate the difference. Over all the centuries thereafter, humankind has been learning the same lesson as well.

If God had not planned to send His Son to die to pay the price as a ransom for Adam, all humanity would have been doomed to die with no chance of a future life. But Jesus paid the price at Calvary, assuring us that every person who has ever lived will have the opportunity for either eternal life in heaven or everlasting life on earth during the Day of Judgment.

Knowing that God had a well-devised and thought-out plan in place since the foundation of the earth ([Revelation 13:8](https://ref.ly/Rev%2013.8;esv?t=biblia)) helps us understand why He permits misery and death in this present evil world so that each individual can learn the lesson of the sinfulness of sin.

**\*\*\* Why did Satan choose to tempt Eve instead of Adam for several reasons:**

* [Perceived Vulnerability: Satan believed Eve was an easier target for deception, as she was the one who engaged in conversation with him.](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=1de4a58683b114c79874f59c32cd3e877cdb71b7f4fa3a5d83a8e9401bf9249fJmltdHM9MTc1NTEyOTYwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=22a349a7-52d7-66b6-1f12-5fef531067b9&psq=why+did+satan+go+to+eve+and+not+adam%3f&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudW5zaGFrZWFibGVqb3kuY29tLzUtcmVhc29ucy13aHktc2F0YW4tY2hvc2UtZXZlLW92ZXItYWRhbS8&ntb=1)
* [Ambition to Be Like God: He lured Eve with the same ambition he had, enticing her with the idea of becoming like God.](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=a1206d61bb70c3d06b5dd0d0b30a958901d0ed8ac878c33040a453a3f9f5f1e9JmltdHM9MTc1NTEyOTYwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=22a349a7-52d7-66b6-1f12-5fef531067b9&psq=why+did+satan+go+to+eve+and+not+adam%3f&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ290cXVlc3Rpb25zLm9yZy9TYXRhbi1pbi10aGUtR2FyZGVuLW9mLUVkZW4uaHRtbA&ntb=1)
* [Usurpation of Headship: Eve's actions led to her usurping Adam's headship, and Adam passively allowed the deception to unfold without intervening.](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=5e4a312d01717b762b330509bc3ac1cd84f4e5b3dfab2a3151964cef8f5b5ac8JmltdHM9MTc1NTEyOTYwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=22a349a7-52d7-66b6-1f12-5fef531067b9&psq=why+did+satan+go+to+eve+and+not+adam%3f&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVzaXJpbmdnb2Qub3JnL2FydGljbGVzL3doeS1kaWQtc2F0YW4tdGFyZ2V0LWV2ZQ&ntb=1)
* [Doubt and Deception: Satan aimed to plant seeds of doubt in Eve's mind regarding God's word and character, which ultimately led to her decision to eat the forbidden fruit.](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=d26c24b8bc8ce65dec5d055ee06757180560976da5f594c46bdc020593940c9eJmltdHM9MTc1NTEyOTYwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=22a349a7-52d7-66b6-1f12-5fef531067b9&psq=why+did+satan+go+to+eve+and+not+adam%3f&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ290cXVlc3Rpb25zLm9yZy95b3Utd2lsbC1iZS1saWtlLUdvZC5odG1s&ntb=1)
* [Two for One: By deceiving Eve, Satan also managed to lead Adam into sin, as he chose to follow her despite knowing the consequences.](https://christianity.stackexchange.com/questions/5209/why-did-the-devil-tempt-eve-first)

These points illustrate the theological reasoning behind Satan's choice to approach Eve first in the biblical narrative.

**\*\*\* What does the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil represent?**

Many of us learned about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil from an early age. Even if we did not have a church background, our pop culture seemed full of references of Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit and dooming the world to plunge into a sinful state. As a refresher, we will include a passage below from Genesis about this tree found smack dab in the middle of the Garden of Eden.

[Genesis 2:15-17](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=genesis+2%3a15-17): “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

**\*\*\* What is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil at now?**

God planted many trees in the [Garden of Eden](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-was-the-forbidden-fruit.html). The world’s climate and atmosphere would have felt quite different pre-Flood, so we do not know the precise nature of these trees. But we do know they were of a Middle Eastern type, as that is where most theologians have placed the location of the Garden of Eden. We don’t know the precise spot but can hazard many [educated guesses](https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/where-is-the-garden-of-eden.html).

Although God allows for Adam and Eve to partake in the fruit of any tree in the Garden of Eden, he forbids them from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He gives this with a warning that they will die if they do so. Supposedly, the tree could give them the knowledge of good and evil, but [doing so](https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/genesis-2-9.html) would come at a cost. Another tree in the Garden was the [tree of life](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-is-the-tree-of-life.html) ([Genesis 2](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=genesis+2)). Adam and Eve, as long as they lived in the Garden, had access to its life-giving fruit. But once they ate off the forbidden tree, they had to leave this place of paradise.

**What Does This Tree Represent?**

What does the tree of knowledge symbolize in the Garden of Eden? As pointed out in [this article,](https://www.christianity.com/devotionals/alternative-view-tony-evans/alternative-view-may-11.html) perhaps the tree of knowledge represented the law (which brings death, [2 Corinthians 3:6](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=2+corinthians+3:6)) and the [tree of life](https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/tree-of-life-bible-meaning.html) represented a right relationship with God. Adam and Eve, when they disobeyed and ate the fruit, decided they would rather abide by the rules than by a relationship, according to the Christianity.com article.

Other theologians have posited it had knowledge that only God was meant to possess. Christians have also devised many [erroneous conclusions](https://www.bibleodyssey.org/en/passages/related-articles/tree-of-knowledge) as to the types of knowledge that Adam and Eve received in the Garden.

Suffice to say, we do not know the precise nature of the knowledge they receive. But we do know that this tree also later represents the fall of man. The tree itself was not evil. But because God had given explicit instructions not to eat of its fruit, and Adam and Eve disobeyed, sin polluted both them and the tree. The ground, human nature, everything ends up cursed because of what happens in [Genesis 3](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=genesis+3).

**Why Did God Create the Tree of Knowledge?**

We may then wonder, “Why in the world would God create such a tree? If he did not want them to get tempted in the first place, he should have removed all chances of temptation. But we have to understand the necessity of the tree and why he had to place it in the Garden.

God is a God of love. It comprises his entire being. And if he wanted to give humans free will, something a loving God would do, he had to allow for the possibility for them to choose something over him, and therefore, sin.

Think about it in this way. If someone created a robot and programs the machine to do a certain number of functions, we would not say the robot is capable of free will or love. Free will and love come with a cost. We learn the cost in Scripture. Because mankind chose to use free will incorrectly, Jesus had to die on [the cross](https://www.christianity.com/wiki/jesus-christ/36-jesus-on-the-cross.html).

**What Happened to This Tree?**

What happened to the tree of knowledge? After all, the tree of life does make another appearance in [Revelation 2](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=revelations+2) and [Revelation 22:2](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=revelations+22:2). Does the tree of knowledge show up anywhere else in the Bible or in history?

After the fall ([Genesis 3](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=genesis+3)), Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden, never to enter again. Considering the tree of knowledge was in the middle of the Garden, and since trees do not tend to walk apart from Tolkien stories, we can assume it stayed put.

Symbolically, the tree of knowledge lives on in the hearts of every man. We choose, every one of us, to place something else in the throne of our lives instead of Jesus. Thankfully, because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we can come back to a relationship with God and experience the tree of life.

**3 Interesting Facts about the Tree of Knowledge**

Apart from the information above, what else do we know about the tree of knowledge?

Firstly, it likely had [figs for the fruit](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-was-the-forbidden-fruit.html) (although some theologians have surmised it was wheat). This makes sense given the Garden of Eden existed in the Middle East. Perhaps this also plays into the reason as to why Jesus curses a fig tree in [Mark 11](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=mark+11). Because of the tree’s ties to the infamous tree from back in the Garden. This also explains why Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to hide their nakedness after they sinned. Although others have suggested that they ate an apricot or grape. It was not an apple.

Secondly, the tree was more likely a [test of faithfulness](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/10-things-you-should-know-about-the-garden-of-eden.html), and Adam and Eve could’ve acquired the knowledge of good and evil without it.

As mentioned in the Crosswalk article linked in the former paragraph, God wanted Adam and Eve to exercise faith and obedience. Through their relationship with him, they could have learned about good and evil. Rather than acquire that knowledge from a third party.

Thirdly, as mentioned above the tree of life represents a rightful relationship with God and the tree of knowledge symbolizes the death that comes through the law. Every human being, ever since the Garden of Eden, intuitively knows about God ([Romans 1:20](http://www.christianity.com/bible/search/?ver=niv&q=romans+1:20)). Many of us have also received specific revelations through Scripture or other means. Because of this knowledge, we have no excuse when we stand in the [presence of God](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/women/seven-ways-to-sense-god-s-presence.html) and have to explain our deeds on Earth.

Praise the Lord, however, that we have a Savior who sacrificed himself for us so that we may live. Even though we all, as humanity, take part in the tree of knowledge, we have an opportunity to return to a relationship with the Lord and experience the tree of life.

**\*\*\* What does the tree of life represent?**

The Tree of Life is a powerful symbol that has captivated the human imagination for centuries. It holds immense spiritual significance across various cultures and religions, from ancient Egypt to modern-day Judaism and Christianity. This blog post will delve into the spiritual meaning of the Tree of Life, exploring its origins, symbolism, and how it can serve as a source of inspiration and guidance in our daily lives.

**A Brief History of the Tree of Life**

The Tree of Life has its roots in ancient mythologies and religions. One of the earliest references to this symbol can be found in Mesopotamian mythology, where it was believed to connect the heavens and the earth. In the Jewish Kabbalistic tradition, the Tree of Life represents the interconnectedness of all things and serves as a map for spiritual growth and enlightenment.

In Christianity, the Tree of Life is often associated with the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It also plays a significant role in Native American mythology, where it symbolizes the connection between humans and nature.

**The Symbolism of the Tree of Life**

The Tree of Life carries deep spiritual meanings that resonate across various belief systems. Here are some key interpretations:

1. Connection: The Tree of Life signifies the interconnectedness of all things in the universe. It reminds us that we are all part of a greater whole and encourages us to live in harmony with one another and the world around us.
2. Growth: As a living entity, the Tree of Life represents continuous growth and transformation. It serves as a reminder that life is an ongoing process of change and evolution, both on individual and collective levels.
3. Wisdom: The Tree of Life is often associated with wisdom and knowledge. Its branches are thought to contain the secrets of the universe, inviting us to seek deeper understanding and enlightenment.
4. Balance: In many traditions, the Tree of Life symbolizes the balance between opposing forces or elements (e.g., masculine, and feminine energies). It reminds us that life thrives when we acknowledge and embrace these contradictory aspects within ourselves and the world around us.
5. Healing: The Tree of Life is also seen as a source of healing, both physically and spiritually. Its branches are believed to hold the power to heal wounds, mend broken relationships, and restore balance within our lives.

**How to Connect with the Spiritual Meaning of the Tree of Life**

Now that we have explored some of the symbolism associated with the Tree of Life, let us discuss how you can connect with its spiritual meaning in your own life:

1. Meditation: Spend time each day meditating on the image of the Tree of Life. Visualize yourself standing beneath it, feeling the energy and wisdom it radiates. Allow this connection to inspire you to grow, learn, and evolve in your daily life.
2. Journaling: Write about what the Tree of Life symbolizes for you. Consider how its various meanings (connection, growth, wisdom, balance, healing) relate to your own experiences and aspirations.
3. Artistic Expression: Create artwork or music inspired by the Tree of Life. This can help deepen your connection with the symbol and allow you to share its meaning with others.
4. Rituals and Practices: Incorporate the Tree of Life into your spiritual practices, such as prayer, meditation, or rituals. You may choose to create an altar dedicated to the Tree of Life, displaying images, symbols, or objects that represent its various meanings for you.
5. Reflect on Your Relationship with Nature: The Tree of Life reminds us of our connection to nature and all living things. Spend time outdoors, observing trees and other natural elements, and reflect on how they embody the symbolism of the Tree of Life.

**Conclusion**

The spiritual meaning of the Tree of Life is a rich and multifaceted concept that has captivated people for centuries. By exploring its history, symbolism, and potential applications in our daily lives, we can deepen our understanding of this powerful symbol and harness its transformative power to grow, learn, and connect with the world around us.

**\*\*\* Why was Satin allowed to be in the garden?**

[Genesis 3](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/3/Genesis-chapter-3.html) explains how sin came into the world but does not patently state why God allowed Satan into the [Garden of Eden](https://www.gotquestions.org/Garden-of-Eden.html). However, a viable answer is discernable in God’s plan of salvation.  
  
The Genesis narrative reveals that God created [Adam and Eve](https://www.gotquestions.org/Adam-and-Eve-questions.html)—the first man and woman of the human race. They were made perfect and sinless, and God gave them everything they needed to enjoy and thrive. He did all this out of His fathomless, unconditional love for them. God desired them to love Him in return and express that love through faithful obedience.  
  
For love to be proved genuine, God gave Adam and Eve and all succeeding people the freedom to choose. We can choose to love or not to love, to obey God or not to obey Him, to do good or evil. If human will have never been allowed to be evaluated and proved, then people would be nothing more than robots. God could have created us to love and obey Him automatically. He could have put a fence around the Garden of Eden and never allowed humanity to be tempted. But God’s desire was and is for people to love Him sincerely, obey Him willingly, and worship Him wholeheartedly ([Deuteronomy 10:12–13](https://www.bibleref.com/Deuteronomy/10/Deuteronomy-10-12.html); [Matthew 22:37](https://www.bibleref.com/Matthew/22/Matthew-22-37.html); [John 14:15](https://www.bibleref.com/John/14/John-14-15.html); [1 John 4:19](https://www.bibleref.com/1-John/4/1-John-4-19.html)).  
  
God placed a restriction on Adam and Eve. He commanded, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die” ([Genesis 2:16–17](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/2/Genesis-2-16.html)). The tree was God’s test of obedience and love.  
  
Even though Adam and Eve were in paradise without sin, rebellion and evil had already come into creation through the angel [Lucifer’s](https://www.gotquestions.org/Lucifer-Satan.html) fall ([Isaiah 14:12–15](https://www.bibleref.com/Isaiah/14/Isaiah-14-12.html)). Lucifer was created perfect and beautiful and may have been in the Garden of Eden prior to his rebellion (see [Ezekiel 28:13](https://www.bibleref.com/Ezekiel/28/Ezekiel-28-13.html)). Lucifer’s undoing was his proud desire to “be like the Most High” ([Isaiah 14:14, NLT](https://www.bibleref.com/Isaiah/14/Isaiah-14-14.html)). After his fall, Lucifer became known as Satan or the devil. Evil and sin came into the world through Lucifer’s rebellion.  
  
Satan lured Eve with the same sin he had committed—the ambition to be like God ([Genesis 3:4–5](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/3/Genesis-3-4.html)). Both the tree and Satan presented a test. Eve took Satan’s bait, Adam chose to follow Eve into sin, and the fall of humankind was complete ([Romans 5:12](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/5/Romans-5-12.html)). The couple and all subsequent humans would pay the consequences of their disobedience, beginning with [separation from God](https://www.gotquestions.org/does-sin-separate-us-from-God.html). Sin breaks our fellowship with God. Born in a state of estrangement from our Creator, we all desperately need a Savior to reconcile and restore our relationship with God ([Romans 3:9](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/3/Romans-3-9.html), [10–12](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/3/Romans-3-10.html), [23](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/3/Romans-3-23.html); [Psalm 51:5](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/51/Psalm-51-5.html); [Ephesians 2:3](https://www.bibleref.com/Ephesians/2/Ephesians-2-3.html)).  
  
Why did God allow Satan to enter the Garden of Eden? At best, we can speculate that God allowed it as a means of testing Adam and Eve’s love and obedience. Why did God let His beloved creations fall into sin? These questions have no definitive answers in Scripture. The Bible does not tell us everything we want to know, but God, through His Word, does provide everything we need ([2 Timothy 3:16–17](https://www.bibleref.com/2-Timothy/3/2-Timothy-3-16.html); [2 Peter 1:3](https://www.bibleref.com/2-Peter/1/2-Peter-1-3.html)). We can stand firm on the truth Scripture does reveal. We know God is good, wise, and loving ([Luke 18:19](https://www.bibleref.com/Luke/18/Luke-18-19.html); [Genesis 50:20](https://www.bibleref.com/Genesis/50/Genesis-50-20.html); [1 John 4:8](https://www.bibleref.com/1-John/4/1-John-4-8.html), [16](https://www.bibleref.com/1-John/4/1-John-4-16.html)). Everything He does is in our best interest, for a good and loving purpose ([Romans 8:28](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/8/Romans-8-28.html); [31–38](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/8/Romans-8-31.html)).  
  
Some things are hidden from us in Scripture and not for us to know: “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law” ([Deuteronomy 29:29](https://www.bibleref.com/Deuteronomy/29/Deuteronomy-29-29.html)). We are allowed to explore, research, and discover much in God’s Word, but there is infinite knowledge beyond our finite reach ([Psalm 44:21](https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/44/Psalm-44-21.html); [Daniel 8:26](https://www.bibleref.com/Daniel/8/Daniel-8-26.html); [Romans 11:33](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/11/Romans-11-33.html); [16:25](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/16/Romans-16-25.html)). When we are left with unanswerable questions, we must be willing to accept what God has not revealed and cling to what He has.

**\*\*\* Were Satan and the serpent two different beings, or were they one in the same?**

They were different beings. One was an unholy angel, and the other was a beast.

**\*\*\* Who told Eve that she was not to eat from the two trees in the center of the garden?**

Her husband. Israel did not speak directly to Eve on this issue.

**\*\*\* This Writer’s Conclusion:**

>>> The Garden of Eden is a real place.

>>> All of the trees that are in the garden were real trees, with each bearing real fruit. This includes both the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

>>> Satan was a real Angel.

>>> The serpent was a real beast that was created to walk upright.

>>> Eve was a real person.

>>> Satan took on the likeness of the serpent to approach Eve. His mission was to disrespect Israel by mixing a bit of lies into the Word of Israel to get Eve to disobey the Word of Israel.

>>> Eve did disobey the instructions of Israel freely and ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The fruit not only looked good, but it tasted equally good, so she gave some to her husband, and he did eat, and their eyes were open. Satan completed his mission.

>>>Satan Reason: Satan was not after Eve. He was after Israel. He was still angry at Israel for what He had done to him. Satan’s second attempt to prove his point by trying to use a part of His creation (Eve) as his attempt to do so.