

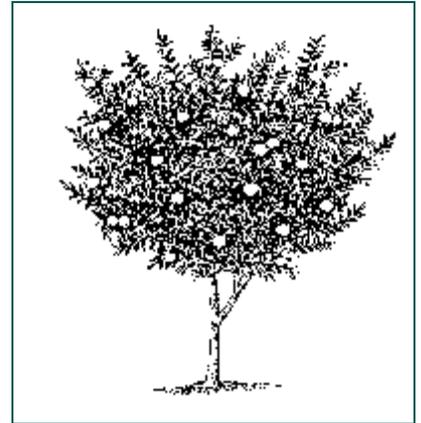
The Fall Into Sin & The Promise of A Savior

Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3

Today we will learn about a special tree that God put in the middle of the garden. We will see how sin entered the world and spoiled God's beautiful creation.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, open our hearts as we hear Your Word today so that we will have a better understanding of sin and of Your great love for us and all mankind. Make us truly sorry for our sins and help us to obey Your commandments. Thank You for sending a Savior to take the punishment for our sins. Amen.



The Story - Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. {16} And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; {17} "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

{2} And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; {3} "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

{4} Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. {5} "For God

knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

{6} So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. {7} Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

{8} And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. {9} Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"



{10} So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

{11} And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

{12} Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

{13} And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

{14} So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. {15} And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

{16} To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

{17} Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and

have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. {18} Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. {19} In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

{20} And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

{21} Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. {22} Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"; {23} therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. {24} So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Outer Aim - Adam and Eve fell into sin when they disobeyed God.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer these questions from the lesson above.

1. What kind of tricks did the devil use to tempt Eve and to make her doubt God?

2. Eve told the devil that God had said they should not eat of the tree or even touch it. What part of that was not true?
3. How did Adam and Eve show that they were sinful immediately after they ate from the tree?
4. How was the serpent punished?
5. What would Adam and Eve's life be like now because of their sin?
6. Why did God not want Adam and Eve to stay in the Garden of Eden after they had sinned?
7. What did God do to prevent Adam and Eve from returning to the garden?

Inner Aim - Sin infects us all but we have God's undeserved love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

What God's Word Tells Us - Look up the following verses in Genesis 3 and tell what happened because of Adam and Eve's sin:

1. vs. 7 _____
2. vs. 10 _____
3. vs. 16 _____
4. vs. 17 _____
5. vs. 19 _____
6. vs. 24 _____

Your Turn - Read the story of Jesus' temptation in Luke 4:1-13. Now discuss the following questions.

1. What will we say if our "friends" want us to do something we know is wrong?
2. Why is it so hard to do what is right?
3. What will we want to do daily because of our sinful flesh?

Passages

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Hymn - TLH 245 v. 1, 3, 4, 6

God loved the world so that He gave
His only son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Prayer

Dear Lord, we know that we are sinful just like Adam and Eve. We need Your help every day to keep from doing all the wrong things that the devil tempts us to do. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Help us to live as Your children and to look forward to living with You in heaven. Amen.