



GENESIS

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LESSON 3: TACTICS IN THE GARDEN

A. CENTRAL QUESTION

Why did God give Adam and Eve the ability to make independent decisions that could have devastating consequences?

B. THE TEXT: GENESIS 2:15—3:24

The narrative in Genesis 2:15—3:24 addresses themes of disobedience, consequences of sin, and the impact of the Fall on humanity's relationship with God. It sets the stage for the unfolding biblical story and the redemptive themes found in later passages.

Here is a summary of the key events in this passage:

1. Creation of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:15-25)

God creates Adam and places him in the Garden of Eden. God recognizes that it is not good for Adam to be alone, so He creates Eve from one of Adam's ribs, establishing the first human pair. God commands Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, warning that doing so will result in death.

2. The Serpent's Deception (Genesis 3:1-7)

The serpent deceives Eve by questioning God's command and suggesting that eating the forbidden fruit will make her like God. Eve succumbs to temptation, eats the fruit, and shares it with Adam.

3. Consequences and Accountability (Genesis 3:8-13)

Adam and Eve, realizing their disobedience, hide from God in the garden. When confronted by God, Adam blames Eve, and Eve blames the serpent.

4. Genesis 3:12-13. What did Adam and Eve do next after they were “caught” by God for disobeying him?

5. Genesis 3:16-19. What penalties did God impose on Adam and Eve for their disobedience?

D. APPLICATION: SEVEN THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT SIN

1. Sin is a _____.

God also commanded Adam and Eve to remain submissive and obedient to Him by not eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). He gave them a choice.

2. Sin always results in _____.

Sin resulted in death--physical & spiritual (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23). Sin separated man from God...fellowship with him was broken (Gen. 3:10).

3. Sin must be _____.

The serpent, a tool of Satan's, was punished (Gen. 3:14). The man and the woman were also punished. Death resulted.

4. Sin harms our _____.

It makes us want to hide from God (Gen. 3:8). It causes rebellion against God (Psa. 2:1-3).

5. Sin harms our _____.

We blame others for our sins (Gen. 3:12). It reduces our interests in others (Phil. 2:3-5). It produces unhealthy competition (Jas. 4:1-2).

6. An understanding of sin _____.

It helps us understand that we are “sin-aholics” (Rom. 7:25). It helps understand our need for Christ (Acts 4:12). It helps us understand the price God paid for our sins

(John 3:16). It gives us confidence and peace that we as believers are forgiven, once for all (John 14:27).

7. God made a _____.

Through Jesus Christ, God provides eternal life to those who believe (John 3:16). Through Jesus Christ, God provides a loving relationship to those who believe (John 14:23; Rom. 8:38-39). Through Jesus Christ, the Edenic curse (Gen. 3:14-19) will someday be lifted (Rev. 22:1-3).

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For more about how to deal with sin in your life go to:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/victory-over-sin.html>



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