

## ● Lesson 4

# HOW OUR WORLD WAS CHANGED

After God created the world, He made Adam and Eve and placed them in a beautiful place called the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8). Everything they could ever need was there. God had lovingly cared for His creation. We don't know how long Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden, but we do know that something happened to change the beautiful place in which they lived. Sin entered this perfect place.

Read Genesis 3 to learn about how sin came into the world and what happened to change a perfect world into the imperfect world in which we now live.

Satan came to Eve in the form of a crafty serpent. The first thing he did was to place doubt in Eve's mind: *Has God said?* (v.3). Satan uses the same methods today.

1. What are some examples of how Satan tempts us to doubt God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Memory Verse

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8



Secondly, Satan told an outright lie to Eve (v.4). He led her to believe that there would be no **consequences** of her disobedience but that only good would come of it (v.5). He convinced Eve that she would not reap what she sowed. She would not die, Satan informed her, but she would be like God! Satan is still deceiving people with his lies today.

2. What are some of the lies Satan tells us to tempt us to sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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5000 B.C.

Creation (exact date unknown)

The Fall

Banished from the Garden of Eden

3. Read Galatians 6:7-8. What does God say? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Eve listened to Satan. She disobeyed God's command and ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. Then she gave some to Adam, and he ate it too. Sin had now entered the world. Its terrible effects would be realized by Adam and Eve as well as all of creation.

There were several results of Adam and Eve's disobedience. God is a God of love, but He is also a God of justice. Sin cannot go unpunished. Read the following verses and list the results of Adam and Eve's disobedience.

4. Genesis 3:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Genesis 3:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Genesis 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Genesis 3:17-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Genesis 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Adam and Eve now had to leave the beautiful place God had made for them. God had them leave because He loved them. Now that sin had entered God's perfect world, He did not want Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of life. That would mean they would have to live forever with sin! So God in His **mercy** banished them from the garden. Sometimes when you are tempted to think your parents don't love you because they punish you, remember that the consequences of your continuing to sin may be greater than the punishment you receive.

The biggest change in the world because of Adam and Eve's disobedience is that now all people are born with sin.

9. What is God's punishment for sin? Romans 5:12, 6:23a  
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10. But God loved His creation so much that He provided a way for people to be freed from sin and its punishment of death. Read Romans 5:6-8 and John 3:16 to find the answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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God sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place so we don't have to die. Just as Adam's sin caused all to be sinners, so also Christ's death pays the penalty for all sin (I Corinthians 15:22). We can become "a new creature" by believing in Jesus as our Savior! Read II Corinthians 5:17.

## TRUE OR FALSE?

Place a T in front of the statements that are true. Place an F in front of the statements that are false; then explain why they are not true.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Satan came to Eve in the form of a crafty bird.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Satan deceived Eve by telling her a lie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sin has no consequences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Because Adam and Eve sinned, all people are born as sinners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. One of the results of Adam and Eve's sin was that they were afraid of God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Jesus took the punishment for our sin when He died on the cross.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden because He was very angry with them and wanted them to suffer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. We can become "a new creature" by believing in Jesus as our Savior.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden for 12 years, 6 months, and 2 days before they disobeyed God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Satan is still deceiving people today by telling them lies.

## Fast Fact: Garden of Eden

- Where is the Garden of Eden today? Many think it was somewhere near the beginnings of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (Genesis 2:14), which are located in what is now Turkey.
- All signs of the other two rivers mentioned in Genesis 2:11 and 13 (the Pishon and the Gihon) are gone, possibly wiped out by the flood.
- Modern space photography shows that two rivers, now dry beds, could have flowed through this area centuries ago.



## Word Works

In Hebrew, the original language of most of the Old Testament, words were written without vowels. The vowels have been left out of the following verse. Fill in the missing vowels to discover an amazing fact about God. Write the verse in the blanks below.

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## Catechism Corner

1. What is God's will concerning man? (Q. 1)  
*God wills that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.*  
*I Timothy 2:4*
2. What is the central truth of all the books of the Bible? (Q. 9)  
*The great truth that Jesus is the way to salvation for all who believe.*
3. Is Jesus the only Savior of the world, or are there other ways to heaven? (see John 14:6, Acts 4:12)  


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4. Am I trusting in Jesus alone for forgiveness and life and salvation?  
 Check one:  
 Yes  
 No  
 I'm not sure  
 I have no idea what you're talking about