



# Lesson 2

Genesis 3

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# The Fall of Man

**Assignment:** Read Genesis 3 together

## Sin is Our Fault

When you read **Genesis 3**, you never see God telling people to sin. You never see God tempting people to sin. In fact, you never see God doing what is wrong. In **Genesis chapters 1 and 2**, we see that God only does good. But in **Genesis 3** we find people doing what is wrong—Adam and Eve. This is where sin entered the world. So, what did Adam and Eve do that was wrong? Adam and Eve sinned by eating fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, a tree God had forbidden them to eat from.

**Question 1: Where in the Bible do we read about the first time people sinned?**

1. Genesis 1
2. Genesis 2
3. Genesis 3
4. Genesis 4

The story of Adam and Eve's disobedience begins when Satan appeared to Adam and Eve as a serpent in the garden. What did Satan do? He tempted Adam and Eve to doubt God. He tempted them to think that God was a liar and that God was hiding something good from them. He tempted them to think that it would be good to sin. Satan said, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (**Genesis 3:4-5**). This, however, was a lie.

**Question 2: What was Satan's lie to Adam and Eve?**

1. He told them that they would not die if they disobeyed God
2. He told them where to find gold
3. He told them that God didn't exist
4. He told them that God was not the Creator

## Satan is a Liar

Satan wanted to trick Adam and Eve into believing that he had something better than God. This is how Satan works. **John 8:44** says this about Satan,

. . . He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

What do we learn from the story of Adam and Eve’s sinning? We learn that sin is the result of two things: believing a lie and not believing what God says. Romans tells us that believing lies is the problem of all who do not follow God, saying that sinners are those who have “exchanged the truth about God for a lie” (**Romans 1:25**).

**Question 3: Jesus called Satan the father of \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Light
2. Lemons
3. Lightning
4. Lies

**Question 4: Where does the Bible say sinners have “exchanged the truth about God for a lie”?**

1. Genesis 1
2. Romans 1
3. Galatians 1
4. Revelation 1

**Question 5: Where does the Bible call Satan the “father of lies”?**

1. Genesis 8
2. Exodus 8
3. John 8
4. Romans 8

## **We Must Believe That God Exists and Believe What God Says**

Notice something else, Adam and Eve both believed in God, but they didn’t believe what God said. This is important because it means that sin comes from believing a lie. Rather than believing in God’s words, Adam and Eve chose to believe a lie about God Himself. It’s not enough to believe in God alone, we must also believe what God says. The Bible says that even demons believe in God, but they don’t trust God. **James 2:19** says, “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!”

**Question 6: Is it good enough for people to simply believe that God exists?**

1. Yes
2. No

**Question 7: Besides believing that God exists, what else should we believe?**

1. What God teaches
2. That God is truthful
3. That God is good
4. All of the above

**Question 8: All sin comes from believing in \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Lies
2. Snowmen
3. Unicorns
4. Elves

## **God Does Not Make People Sin**

A lot of people wonder how evil exists if God is such a good God. People who wonder this forget that God is not the creator of evil. The Bible says about God,

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one” (**James 1:13**).

So, who is to blame for sin? The Bible is very clear that sin is our own fault. **James 1:14-15** says,

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

**Question 9: Does God ever tempt people to sin?**

1. Yes
2. No

**Question 10: Who is to blame for our sin?**

1. Satan
2. People
3. Angels
4. God

**Question 11: Where in the Bible does it say that sin is our fault?**

1. Genesis 1
2. Judges 1
3. James 1
4. Titus 1

**Romans 5 Explains Genesis 3**

The story of Adam and Eve sound like weird old stories. Why should we even care about what they said or did? Well, there are a few things that **Genesis 3** teaches us. First, it teaches us that sin is not God's fault. In **Genesis 1 and 2**, we see God only doing good. That's important to know so that we don't blame God for the evil in the world. Second, **Genesis 3** teaches us that sin is the fault of people. But **Genesis 3** isn't the only place that teaches us about Adam and Eve and why they matter. **Romans 5** teaches us that because Adam sinned, all people became sinful. The reason why the world is full of sinful, evil people is that all people became sinful when Adam sinned. **Romans 5** also teaches us that Adam's sin caused all of us to be condemned. Another word that means condemned is the word guilty. Because of Adam, all people are guilty of sin. This means that Adam's problems are our problems.

Where does the Bible teach that people became sinful through Adam? **Romans 5** teaches this clearly. Paul writes about Adam and says, "[B]y the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners" (**Romans 5:19**). All of us are sinners because of Adam (**Romans 5:12, 19**).

Where does the Bible teach that people are condemned because of Adam? Again, **Romans 5** teaches this. Writing about Adam, Paul says, "[O]ne trespass led to condemnation for all men" (**Romans 5:18**).

**Question 12: Besides Genesis 3, where else does the Bible teach us about how Adam and Eve's sin affects us?**

1. Genesis 5
2. Matthew 5
3. Romans 5
4. 1 Peter 5

**Question 13: Adam's sin made us:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: Guilty and Sinful