

# **How It All Went Wrong**

**Genesis 3:1-24**

**Genesis: Front Door To The Bible**

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Where did you see or how did you experience the abundance and goodness of God this week?

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The world after Genesis 1-2

- God is omnipotent & sovereign yet close & involved.
- There is God and no other gods.
- World has form and is filled with life.
- Men and women are equal and created in God's image to rule and care for creation.
- Creation is good.

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## Humanity

- Experience the abundance and goodness of God.
- Live in true freedom
- Enjoys a deep, close, and personal relationship with God, one another, and creation.
- True shalom.
- The world and everything in it are good.

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- The serpent represents everything that opposes and is against God.
- The serpent is created. Evil is not equal to God nor is it eternal.
- The serpent is the craftiest of God's creation.

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- Serpent asks Eve:
- “Did God really say, ‘You (all) must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”
- What God said:
- “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die”
- The best lies contain some elements of the truth. They sound like something a person might say.

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- The serpent calls into question God's goodness and abundant provisions for them.

Where might you be questioning God's goodness? Where do you fail to see the abundance of God in your life?

Are you prone to focus on what you don't have?

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- The serpent attacks God's word head on.
- "You will certainly not 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."
- The serpent paints God as a lying, jealous, and selfish God. God is trying to hold you back, to keep for himself what you could have too.

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- “You will be happier if you have this in your life...” is the lie of the serpent.

What are you seeking after with the belief your life will be better once you have it in your life?

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- Adam & Eve's reactions to being caught:
  - Don't take responsibility.
  - Shift blame to someone else.
  - "They made me do it!"
- Can't argue "The devil made me do it." The serpent never tells them what to do, it hints at it.

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- God's judgments:
- Serpent- evil, devil, and forces that oppose God.
  - The serpent is cursed and humiliated.
  - The serpent and humanity will live in constant conflict and hostility with the serpent not able to gain an upper hand.

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- Eve (women)
  - Child birth will now be accompanied by great pain.
  - You will desire to rule/be independent of your husband but he will rule over you.
- Adam (man)
  - Pain and toil will accompany your work. The land will be fruitless at times.
  - You will work/toil until the day you return to the dust.

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- Result of sin:
  - Broken relationships with God, each other, and creation.
  - Freedom replaced by bondage.
  - Fruitfulness of the land will come with pain and toil.
  - Instead of equality and oneness of men and women- struggle for domination and oneness is replaced by otherness.
  - Listen to creatures rather than the Creator

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- Jesus comes to reverse the judgments of God:
  - Jesus restores our relationship with God and restoring the image of God in us.
  - Jesus makes peace possible with each other- breaking down all divisive walls, commanding us to submit to each other.
  - Jesus will restore our relationship with creation- lions lying down with lambs.

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- Where do you experience brokenness with God, with others, and creation?
- Where do you think life would be better if you had something else? Where do you question God's goodness and abundance?
- Ask God to open your eyes to his abundant provisions in your life?
- Ask God for the courage to obey Him in restoring relationships with others and with God.