

The Book of Beginnings

Part Two—The First Commandment, Sin, & Fall of Man

III. The First Commandment (Ge. 2:16-17)

- A. Man was placed under God's _____ from the beginning.
- B. In their original created state, Adam and Eve did not know _____. They had no experience of it, and there was none of it in their hearts. Evil thoughts came when they sinned (Mr. 7:21-22).
- C. God's commandment was accompanied by God's _____ of death for disobedience.
1. God revealed Himself to Adam as holy and just, a Judge as well as a Saviour.
 2. It is necessary for God to _____ sin (Prov. 10:13).
 3. This is the first mention of death in the Bible. This is the reason for death.

IV. The Beginning of Sin: Man's Fall (Genesis 3)

- A. The _____
- He is the old serpent
 - The great dragon
 - Satan
 - The devil (Re. 12:9)
 - The god of this world (2 Co. 4:4)
 - The prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2).
 - He was Lucifer the anointed cherub, as we have seen (Isa. 14; Eze. 28).

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B. Satan's tactics

1. Satan targets the _____ and careless and unprotected (Ge. 3:1; 1 Pe. 5:8).
2. Satan attacks God's _____ (Ge. 3:1).
 - a. He seeks to create _____ in God's Word (v. 1)
 - b. He _____ God's Word (v. 4)
 - c. He substitutes his words for God's Word (v. 5).
3. Satan encourages people to forget God's blessings and to think more about what they do not have than what they do have.
4. Satan _____ (Ge. 3:4)
 - a. Satan is the father of lies (Joh. 8:44).
 - His teachers lie. See Mt. 7:15; Ro. 16:17-18; 2 Co. 11:13-15; Eph. 4:14.
 - b. Satan makes false promises and tries to make sin look appealing (Ge. 3:5).
5. Satan _____ God's character (Ge. 3:5).

C. Eve's errors

1. She _____ from God's Word. In verse 2, she omitted the words "every" and "freely."
2. She _____ to God's Word (Ge. 3:3)—She added "neither shall ye touch it,"
3. She _____ her words for God's Words (Ge. 3:3). Instead of plainly naming the tree as God had done, she referred to it as "the tree which is in the midst of the garden." This was the first paraphrase.
4. She weakened and _____ God's Word (Ge. 3:3).

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- a. Eve's "lest ye die" was much softer and less dogmatic than "thou shalt surely die" (Ge. 2:17).
- b. And by omitting "in the day that thou eatest thereof" she softened the finality and immediacy of God's judgment (Ge. 2:17).
- c. She made the decision based on her own thinking rather than by God's Word (Ge. 3:6).
- d. She didn't consult with God and His Word. Compare Proverbs 3:5-6. We must be Bereans (Ac. 17:11).

D. Adam's role in the fall

1. She gave to her husband "with her" (Ge. 3:6).
2. He was not deceived by the devil's lies, but he sinned anyway (1 Ti. 2:14).
3. Though he did not sin first, he was held _____ because he was the head (Ro. 5:12; 1 Cor 11:3).

E. The consequences of the fall

1. The first consequence of the fall was _____, which is the wages of sin (Ge. 2:17; Ro. 6:23).
 - Death is not annihilation; it is separation.

There are three deaths:

- 1) _____ death — This is separation of the spirit or soul from God ("dead in trespasses and sins," Eph. 2:1).
- 2) _____ death — This is the separation of the spirit from the body. See Jas. 2:26; Ec. 12:7.
- 3) _____ death — This is the final separation of the sinner from God in the lake of fire (Re.

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20:14-15).

2. The _____ became corrupted (Ge. 3:7).
 - a. When they ate of the tree of the knowledge of evil, they became evil. See Jer. 17:9; Mr. 7:21-22; Eph. 2:3.
 - b. The corrupt nature is called the “old man (Eph. 4:22).
 - c. They attempted to _____ their sin with garments of their own device (Ge. 3:7; Prov 28:13).
 - d. They were _____ and tried to hide from God (Ge. 3:8).
 - e. They tried to escape responsibility by _____ others and justifying themselves and making excuses (Ge. 3:12-13).
 - f. The woman was judged with sorrow and pain in _____ and a position of _____ to her husband (Ge. 3:16).
 - g. The _____ was cursed for Adam’s sake (Ge. 3:17-19).
 - God promised Adam sorrow. They had not experienced this before. This describes the curse which is upon the entire creation (Ro. 8:22). This is the major reason why life is filled with trouble and difficulty (Job 5:7).
 - h. They were driven out of _____ (Ge. 3:22-24).