

Now the serpent (Satan)

was more crafty than any

living creature. He said to

any tree in the garden"?

the woman, 'Did God really

say, "You must not eat from

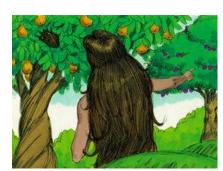
Adam and Eve disobey God

In the middle of the garden of Eden were two special trees. One was the Tree of Life and the other was the tree giving knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam he could eat the fruit of any tree but he must not eat the fruit from the tree giving knowledge of good and evil. To do so would be to disobey.

Genesis 3



The woman replied, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God told us not to eat fruit from the tree of the knowledge.



You will not die,' the serpent said to the woman. '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 woman saw that the fruit of the tree looked good for eating. so she took some of the forbidden fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it too. Immediately they realised they were naked, and made coverings for themselves.



Then the two of them heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day. They hid from God among the trees. God called to Adam, 'Where are you?

Adam answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was so afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?' Adam answered, 'The woman you put here with me gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'



The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.' So God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all other animals. You will crawl on your belly in the dust as long as you live.



Then God said to the woman, 'I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth.



The God addressed Adam. 'Since you listened to your wife and disobeyed me, the ground is cursed. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you die.



Then the Adam named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.' So God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and He sent Adam out to cultivate the ground. Angels were posted to stop Adam and Eve returning to the Garden of Eden. God placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.



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