

What Happened to the Perfect World that God Made? Why is there evil in the world?



1. God planted two very special trees in the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve lived -- the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat of *all* the trees in the garden, *except one*. That was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them that if they ate from that one tree, they would die. It was the one and only command that God gave them.

2. One day, God's enemy, Satan came into the body of a snake that lived in the garden. He spoke to Eve, asking, "Did God really say you must not eat *any* of the fruit in the garden?"

"Of course we may eat it," Eve said. "It's only the fruit from *ONE* of the trees in the center of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God says we must not eat it or even touch it or we will die."

"You won't die!" the serpent hissed. "God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become like God – wise and knowing everything, both good and evil."

3. Eve believed what Satan told her. She looked at the fresh, delicious fruit on the tree she was told not to eat from. She thought of how it would make her wise and she wanted to be wise. So she ate some of the fruit and also gave some to her husband. Adam ate it too.



4. Suddenly they were changed. They were no longer perfect but were now sinners because of their disobedience. They both realized that they were naked and felt ashamed. They made themselves clothes by sewing some leaves together.

5. That evening, they heard God walking in the garden. Their relationship with Him had also changed. This time instead of wanting to walk and talk with God, Adam and Eve hid from Him among the trees. God called to Adam, "Where are you?"



Adam answered, "I heard You walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I am naked."

Then God asked, "Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?" (God knew that they had eaten it, but He wanted them to confess their sin against Him.)

6. Adam admitted that he had eaten the fruit, but then he blamed his wife and blamed God for his sin. He said, "It was the woman *YOU* gave me who brought me the fruit and I ate it."

After that God asked Eve why she had eaten the fruit and she blamed the serpent. "He tricked me into eating it" she said.

7. Before Adam and Eve sinned, they had never had an argument or any bad thoughts towards each other! They enjoyed talking and walking with God each evening. But everything changed. Pain, sickness, sin and death came into the world because of Adam and Eve's disobedience. They chose to obey Satan instead of obeying God. They gave mankind over to the control of Satan who wants people to rebel and disobey God who created them. But the very day they sinned, God made a promise to Adam and Eve that He would send a Person into the world, who would bring salvation and forgiveness to the people of the world.

Genesis 3

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(Intermediate Level)

**What Happened to the Perfect World that God Made?** *Why is there Evil in the World?*

- A. What two special trees were in the middle of the garden where Adam and Eve lived?  
 What *one* command did God give Adam and Eve?  
 What did God say would happen if they disobeyed His command?
- B. God's enemy came into the garden. What form did he come in?  
 Who did he talk to?  
 What was his first question?
- C. Eve told Satan that they could eat of *all* the trees *except one*.  
 What did Satan say next?  
 What did he promise Eve?
- D. List the things that Eve did that lead to her disobedience: (Find the verbs in paragraph 3)
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
  - 6.
- E. List five changes came into their lives after Adam and Eve had both eaten the fruit.  
 (See paragraphs 4 and 5)
- F. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking in the garden?  
 Why were they afraid?

**Something to think about and English Conversation Practice:**

1. As God's enemy, why do you think Satan came to talk to Eve?
2. When God asked, "Where are you?" – Do you think He knew where Adam was?
3. Why was Adam and Eve's relationship with God changed when they disobeyed Him?
4. How did Adam and Eve's relationship with each other change after they sinned?
5. What result did Adam and Eve's sin have on all humans?
6. What did God promise Adam and Eve on the day that they sinned?  
 Who is this?

God's perfect world and Adam and Eve's loving relationship with God and with each other were destroyed when they sinned. The first man and woman chose to disobey God and that is why we see so many evil things happening in our world today. The person God promised has come into the world and He can change our lives if we trust Him to do so.