

# Genesis 3

# The Devastating Fall

Exploring the Nature of Sin at its Root



**Sin has made this world -  
including you and I -  
inherently evil**



# Genesis 8:21

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[21] And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for **the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth...**



# Jeremiah 17:9

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[9] The heart is **deceitful** above all things,  
and **desperately sick**;  
who can understand it?



# Romans 3:23

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[23] for **all have sinned** and fall short of the **glory of God**,



# Romans 5:12

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[12] Therefore, just as sin came into the world **through one man**, and death through sin, and so death spread to **all men** because **all sinned**—



# THE DEVASTATING FALL

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*Genesis 3:1-24*



God's perfect creation was  
subjected to **imperfection**  
due to **mankind's first sin**



# SIN'S NATURE

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Sin is Inherently Deceitful

*Genesis 3:1-5*

02

Sin is Inherently Appealing

*Genesis 3:6*

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*Genesis 3:7-24*



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*Genesis 3:1-5*



# Genesis 3:1-3

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# Genesis 3:4-5

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[4] But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. [5] For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



# Romans 1:24–25

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[24] Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, [25] because they **exchanged the truth about God for a lie** and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever!



**We** trade worship of our  
creator for our own  
**man-made gods:** money,  
wants, and pleasures.



# Sin is Inherently Appealing

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*Genesis 3:6*



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[6] So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (ESV)



# 1 John 2:16

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[16] For all that is in the world—the **desires of the flesh** and the **desires of the eyes** and **pride of life**—is not from the Father but is from the world.



**Sin takes the desires God  
gave us to relate more fully  
to Him and perverts them  
for evil**



# Sin is Inherently Devastating

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*Genesis 3:7-24*



# Genesis 3:7–8

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[7] Then the eyes of both were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

[8] And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.



# Genesis 3:9–12

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[9] But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “**Where are you?**” [10] And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” [11] He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” [12] The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”



# Psalm 139:7–12

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[7] Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

[8] If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

[9] If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,



# Psalm 139:7–12

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[10] even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.

[11] If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,”

[12] even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.



# Genesis 3:10–13

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# Genesis 3:14–15

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[14] The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

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[17] And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
**in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;**



# Genesis 3:18-19

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[18] thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

[19] By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
**till you return to the ground,**  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and **to dust you shall return.**”



# Genesis 3:20

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[20] The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.



# Genesis 3:22-24

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[22] Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” [23] therefore **the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden** to work the ground from which he was taken. [24] He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way **to guard the way to the tree of life.**



**God takes our sin seriously  
enough that we are feeling  
the judgment for Adam and  
Eve's actions even in our day**



*There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.*

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Proverbs 14:12



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# Hebrews 4:16

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[16] **Let us then** with confidence **draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need...”



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# 1 Timothy 2:14–15

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[14] and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. [15] Yet **she will be saved through childbearing**—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.



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and between your offspring and her offspring;  
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and you shall bruise his heel.”



# Titus 2:11-12

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[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to **renounce ungodliness** and **worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age



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