

Adam and Eve Gen. 3:1-19

Introduction:

Adam and Eve were the first individuals to ever walk the face of the earth. Adam, of course, was formed first, with Eve being formed second. The main thing that we know about them is the sin that they committed. Today we will look at the sin and the punishment that was given to them and finally some practical applications that we can learn from this story.

I. The sin of Adam and Eve (3:1-6).

- A. There was only one restriction that God had given Adam and Eve.
 - 1. Gen. 2:8-9, 15-17
 - 2. The only restriction is that they could not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that was in the midst of the garden.
- B. The serpent comes to Eve and tells her that what God said is not true (3:1-5).
- C. Notice the progression of the sin of Eve (3:6).
 - 1. She saw three characteristics about the fruit.
 - a. It was good for food.
 - b. It was pleasant to the eyes.
 - c. It was a tree that could make one wise.
 - 2. She took of the fruit.
 - a. It took effort on her part.
 - b. She had to get to the tree and take the fruit off of the tree.
 - 3. She ate of the fruit.
 - a. This was the one thing that God had commanded them not to do.
 - b. She never would have eaten of the fruit if she had not looked at it first.
 - c. How many times do we find ourselves committing a sin when we never should have been in the situation to begin with?
 - d. We must always be careful as to what we see and where we go.
- D. It is also important to note that Adam was not innocent in this matter.
 - 1. Adam also took of the fruit and ate it when Eve offered it to him.
 - 2. Even though Adam was not deceived by the serpent, he still commits a great sin.

II. The punishment of Adam and Eve (3:7-19).

- A. When they realized that God was walking in the Garden with them, they “hid themselves from the presence of God” (3:8-10).
- B. Before God gave the punishment Adam and Eve, they both tried to make excuses before God (3:9-13).
 - 1. The excuse of Adam (3:12)
 - a. Instead of taking responsibility for his actions, Adam blames God for giving him Eve.
 - 2. The excuse of Eve (3:13)
 - a. Eve is very quick to blame the serpent.
 - b. Neither Adam nor Eve were willing to take responsibility for their sins.
- C. Now notice the punishment that God gives to each.
 - 1. Serpent (3:14-15):
 - a. The serpent is more cursed than any animal on the face of the earth.
 - b. Eventually, through the Seed of the woman (Christ), Satan was going to be defeated.
 - c. Of course, we know that Satan was defeated when Christ rose from the dead.
 - 2. Eve (3:16):
 - a. Sorrow was greatly multiplied in childbirth.
 - b. Also, the husband would rule over the wife.
 - 3. Adam (3:17-19):
 - a. The punishment for Adam was not that he would have to work for his food (remember 2:15).
 - b. Adam’s punishment was that the ground would now produce thorns and thistles among the herb of the field (3:17-18).
 - c. God also says that man would return to the dust of the ground from which he was formed.
 - 4. God had said that if they were to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would die.

III. Now notice the practical application of this story from Adam and Eve.

- A. One lesson that we can learn from Adam and Eve is that there are always consequences to our sins.
 - 1. Even though they tried to make excuses for their actions, they were punished according to their deeds.
 - a. **Pr. 28:13** - He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.
 - b. **Rom. 2:6** – who (God) "will render to each one according to his deeds."
 - 2. Dave Ramsey, a radio talk show host in Nashville, TN, says the following:
 - a. "You can disobey God, but it is not a matter of salvation."
 - b. This is a very popular idea among some religious groups.
 - c. However, it is important for us to know that any time we disobey God, it is a matter of salvation!
- B. The sins that we commit can affect others.
 - 1. Notice what God had told Adam and Eve (**2:16-17**).
 - a. If God did not lie (and we know that He cannot - **Titus 1:2**), then Adam had to die that day.
 - b. If not immediate physical death, then spiritual death.
 - 2. Because of their sin, death entered the world.
 - a. **Rom. 5:12** - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—
 - b. **I Cor. 15:21-22** - For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. {22} For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
 - 3. The sins that we commit can affect others.

Conclusion: