

The fall is the only way we can provide an explanation for evil being in the world. We see that man started at the top of the moral ladder and fell to the bottom instead of the other way around, as suggested by those who see man as an end all, be all.

# The Family Curse



Genesis 3:6-8 KJV

[6] And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. [7] And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. [8] And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

# GOD GIVES US A CHOICE

Will we honor this choice and trust God, or act independently? It's an act that shows whether we place ourselves first or God first. Adam could have rejected the decision Eve made instead of going along with it.

Genesis 2:16-17 KJV

[16] And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: [17] But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

# ALL SIN IS ULTIMATELY AGAINST GOD

Even though it may seem like sinful decisions are made for selfish motives, the acts are rebellious solely against God. We make our choices, then our choices make us.

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Joshua 24:15 KJV

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

# GOD EXPLAINS TO US THE CONSEQUENCES

God had told them what would happen if they sinned. God also told us how they reacted after they sinned so we can see our own selves in their actions. God went to the man first because that was the way he intended his creation to be. All the disfunction we experience in the home today is directly connected to the sin of the garden.

Genesis 3:11-13 KJV

[11] And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? [12] And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. [13] And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

# GOD SHOWS US HIS CHARACTER

God's character is under attack. It may seem like it was Eve who was the target of the serpent, but it is God who is hated by Satan, and thus the things loved by God. 3 rhetorical questions: where are you?, who told you you were naked? Did you eat from the tree I told you not to? God asked Adam these questions because he was looking for a confession. At first, Adam and Eve enjoyed the time spent with God, now they were hiding. Their innocence was gone and they saw themselves as naked. They had to face justice regarding the sin they just committed. God clothed Adam and Eve because he still loved them even though they sinned against him.

Genesis 3:1-5 KJV

[1] Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? [2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: [3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. [4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: [5] For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

# GOD TOLD THEM WHAT WOULD HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THE SIN

Eve will be ruled over by her husband, meaning her thoughts will be focused on him, Adam should have led in the garden, but he didn't, so now when he needs to lead in life, it's going to be much harder (obstacles)

Genesis 3:1-5 KJV

[14] And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: [15] And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. [16] Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. [17] And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; [18] Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; [19] In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

# GOD SPARES US FROM CONDEMNATION

God could have left them in the garden after they sinned and abandoned us. But he came down to us and blocked us from the tree of life forever preventing us from obtaining immortality in our fallen state. He prevented our death and provided a way back to him through the blood sacrifice and clothed us again.

Genesis 3:22-23 KJV

[22] And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: [23] Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

