

Study #13 Bible Reading: Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17; 3:1-15

2:8 The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there He put the man He formed. 9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – a delight to see and good for food – and the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 The LORD God gave the man an order: “Eat as you like from any tree in the garden, 17 but don’t eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The day you eat from it you will certainly die.”

3:1 The snake was the smartest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, “Did God really say, ‘Don’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

2 “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,” the woman answered the snake. 3 But God did say, ‘Don’t eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, and don’t touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You’re not going to die,” the snake told the woman. 5 “No, God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you’ll be like God and know good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good to eat, a delight to look at, and what anyone would want in order to get wise, she took some of its fruit and ate it. Then she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked. They sewed together leaves from a fig tree and made skirts for themselves.

8 At the time of day when there was a breeze, they heard the LORD God walking in the garden, and the man and his wife hid from the LORD God among the trees in the garden. 9 The LORD God called the man. “Where are you?” He asked him.

10 “I heard You in the garden,” he answered, “and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.” 11 “Who told you you are naked?” He asked him. “Did you eat some fruit of the tree I ordered you not to eat?” 12 “The woman You gave me,” the man answered, “she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

13 Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What did you do?”

“The snake tricked me,” the woman answered, “and so I ate.”

14 Then the LORD God said to the snake, “Because you did this, cursed are you among all the animals, tame and wild. You will crawl on your belly and eat dirt all your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between you descendants and her Descendant. He will crush your head, and you will bruise His heel.”