

## **The Fall**

Genesis 3

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One day the snake said to Eve, "Did God really say that you must not eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

"We may eat from the trees in the garden except for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If we eat from that tree, we will die."

"You will not die. You will become like God, knowing the difference between good and evil."

Eve ate the fruit as did her husband, Adam. For the first time they realized they were naked. They hid among the trees. God called to Adam, "Where are you?"

Adam replied, "I was afraid because I was naked so I hid."

"Who told you you were naked? Did you eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the one tree in the garden I told you not to eat from?"

"It was the woman, the woman that you put here with me. She gave me the fruit."

God turned to the woman. "Why have you done this?"

"The snake tricked me."

To the snake God said, "Because of what you have done, you are cursed. One of the woman's descendants will crush your head while you but bruise his heel."

To the woman God said, "Because of what you have done, from now on you will experience great pain in childbirth."

To the man God said, "Because of what you have done, from now on you will have to work very hard to raise enough food to eat."

God took animal skins to make clothing for Adam and Eve and sent them out of the garden.