

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE FALL?

## A Devastating Decision (Genesis 3)

**Story Setup: Know It** - Real Satan, Literal Adam & Eve, Paradise Lost

**Suffering** - Living in a Fallen World: Continual Consequences - Disease, Disaster, Discord, Death

**Woman's Consequences** – Genesis 3:16 “To the woman he said, ‘I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’”

**Man's Consequences** – Genesis 3:17-19 “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; [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.’”

### **Separation: Cast Out**

therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23)

### **Solution: Relationship Restored**

*The Gospel Solution: Eternal Forgiveness*

Real Christ

Literal Death & Resurrection

Paradise Restored

### **5 Ways to Respond to Satan's Work**

1. **Resist: Incredible Power**– “Resist the devil & he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)
2. **Avoid: Relational Interference:** - “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”(Romans 8:39)
3. **Clear Up: Communication Confusion:** “father of all lies” (John 8:44)
4. **Put Off: Persuasion for Passion**– “passions are at war within you” (James 4:1)
5. **Watch Out: Ongoing Presence** - “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8)

### **4 Questions to Ask to See Sin**

(1 John 2:16) 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*.

1. **Is it Physically or Spiritually Edifying? Desires of the Flesh** v.6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food
2. **Is it Covetous or God-Glorifying? Desires of the Eyes.** v.6 and that it was a delight to the eyes
3. **Is it Self-Centered or God-Centered? Pride of Life.** v.6 and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise
4. **Who is Offering It? From the world.** v.6 she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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