

3. Disobedience

Introduction: In the previous story, God made angels and heaven, but one of the angels was very proud. He wanted people to worship him. This angel and others wanted to be like God. Then, God threw them to the earth. Their names were “Satan”, the leader, and “demons”, the other angels. Ever since, they have been thinking of ways to destroy the relationship between men and God. In the beginning, men and God had a very good relationship. God always talked to men and gave them good things and great blessings. (Genesis 1:28–29; 2:15, 22)

One day, a snake talked to Eve, “Isn’t it true that God told you that you cannot eat any of the fruits on the trees in the garden?” (Genesis 3:1) Eve replied to snake, “No, all the fruits in the garden we can eat. It is only the fruit from the tree of Knowing Good and Evil that we cannot eat. If we eat it, we will die.” (Genesis 3:2–3) The snake told Eve, “You will not die. God is afraid that after you eat the fruit from this tree, you will be like Him, knowing good and evil.” Of all the animals that God had created, the snake was the most cunning. (Genesis 3:4–5)

Eve saw that the fruit on that tree was beautiful, and would give you wisdom, so she lifted her hands and picked the fruit and ate. Then she also gave some to Adam to eat. (Genesis 3:6) After they ate, things were not the same anymore. They looked at themselves and saw that they were not wearing any clothes, so they used leaves to make clothes to wear. (Genesis 3:7)

God came to the garden to look for Adam. He said, “Adam, Adam, where are you?” (Genesis 3:8–9). Adam said, “I heard your voice, I was afraid; I was not wearing anything, so I had to hide.” (Genesis 3:8, 10)

God said, “Who told you that you were not wearing anything? Did you eat the fruit on that tree of Knowing Good and Evil that I asked you not to?” (Genesis 3:11) Adam said. “It was that woman that you gave me; she gave me the fruit to eat.” (Genesis 3:12)

God asked Eve, “What have you done?” (Genesis 3:13) Eve said, “It was that snake. It tempted me, that’s why I ate that fruit.” (Genesis 3:13)

God said to the snake: “You have disobeyed; you must be punished. From now on you must crawl on your belly and every generation after you will eat dirt. Your descendants and the woman’s descendants will always be enemies.” (Genesis 3:14 - 15).

God said to Eve: “I will increase your pain when you have a child.”(Genesis 3:16).

Then God said to Adam: “You did not listen to my words and have eaten the fruit which I told you do not eat. The earth has now received the curse. You must work very hard to produce your food.”(Genesis 3:17 - 19).

Afterward, God used the hides of animals to make clothing for them. Because they did not listen to God's words they could not stay in that garden and were forced to leave. (Genesis 3:21, 23)