

"The Fall of Mankind"

Genesis 3:1-11

1. The Serpent said to the woman, "Indeed, has _____?" **V.1**
 - A.** GOD _____ lavishly for Adam and Eve. They were given great _____, great variety and abundance, and their boundaries were clear. There was no danger of starving. They could eat freely of everything, but from _____. And they knew the consequences.
 - B.** The Adversary placed _____ in the Woman's mind about the _____, intent, and the _____ of obeying GOD's Word.

2. The woman said, "from the fruit of the trees we may eat, but ... from ... you shall not eat from it, or _____, or you will die." **V.2-3**
 - A.** Eve didn't listen to GOD closely. She repeated what she thought GOD said, and _____ to it, which is dangerous. GOD never said, "Don't touch it." When we add to GOD's Word, we soon _____ our additions. Deut. 4:2, Rev. 22:18, Mt. 15:1-20
 - B.** Don't _____ Satan. Bring GOD into the situation. _____ the Devil in JESUS' Name. James 4:7
 - C.** There were _____ in the middle of the Garden, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; and the Tree of Life. Eve had complete _____ to the Tree of Life.

3. The Serpent said, "You _____ will not die." **V.4-5**
 - A.** Satan distorted the _____ of GOD to Eve by suggesting that GOD was _____, insecure, jealous, restrictive, and somehow wanted to _____ from Adam and Eve the best of what HE had. (the Devil does this constantly to us.)
 - B.** The Heavenly Father does not want anyone to experience and _____. The more Evil that a person experiences, the more _____ occurs, and the harder it is to overcome it. Mt. 10:16, 2 Tim. 2:22 Evil experienced can become evil _____, which become Evil _____, which then becomes _____ by Evil.
 - C.** Protect _____ and protect your Family.

4. When the woman _____ that the tree was good for food ... **V.6**

- A.** When we make decisions based on our _____ only we get into trouble. _____ for what we should not have - is triggered by our eyes. I John 2:16, 2 Cor. 5:7, 1 Sam. 16:7 Instead we should listen with our _____ (and hearts) to what GOD is saying. Rev. 2:7
- B.** The Man should have _____ to protect his wife. Instead Adam was _____, shirked his responsibility, gave up his _____, and everyone suffered. She was deceived. He _____.

5. Then the eyes of both of them were _____... **V.7**

- A.** The first couple had now experienced evil, which brought both guilt and shame into their lives. They tried to cover their internal shame by an _____, which didn't work very well.
- B.** The Fig Tree is a symbol of _____, suggesting that one day GOD would cover all shame permanently through the death of the promised Jewish _____. Gen. 3:15, Mt. 24:32-35, Mark 11:12-14

6. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden ... hid themselves from the _____ of the LORD. **V.8**

- A.** Disobedience and sin always bring shame, which causes us to _____ from GOD. Can a person really hide from GOD? Heb. 4:13
- B.** They were _____ to the Tree of Life (a picture of the Tree CHRIST was crucified on) ... but they didn't act upon GOD's Provision.

7. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, _____ are you?" ... I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." **V.9-11**

- A.** GOD still calls today, for people to turn, repent, _____ with HIM, and let HIM transform their lives.
- B.** Just because GOD _____ the future, doesn't mean that GOD causes everything to happen in the future. HE gives people the greatest gift the Creator can give – the power _____; because all love is _____.

The Cost of Freedom

"God has made a rule for Himself that He won't alter people's character by force. He can and He will alter them ... but only if the people will let Him. In that way He has really and truly limited His power. Sometimes we wonder why He has done so, or even wish that He hadn't. But apparently He thinks it is worth doing. He would rather have a world of free beings, with all its risks, than a world of people who did right like machines, because they couldn't do anything else." **C.S. Lewis**