

THE KEY TO HUMAN HISTORY

GENESIS 3:6



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

The **purpose** of Genesis 3 is to give us God's account of human evil and to lay the foundation of what the remainder of the Bible will tell us about **God's remedy for man's ruin**.

The account of the fall of Adam and Eve into sinful rebellion against God and His truth is the key to our human history.

Satan lies to us and tries to deceive us, but **sin** makes **us a lie** in God's sight. Without Jesus Christ, sin is **who we are**, so that God is right to call us sinners.

Sin is lawlessness; it is **disobedience** to God. We either **don't do** what God tells us, or we **do** what God forbids.

hamartiology

hamartia = sin

hamartano (verb form) = to miss the mark, to err, to be mistaken,
as in: “For all have sinned [**hamartano**] and ***fall short of*** the glory
of God.” (Rom. 3:23)

Four characterizations of sin as the **spiritual force of evil** which **completely corrupts** human beings.

I. Sin's **Constitution** (its nature; Genesis 3:1-5)

God's blessings:

1. Adam, I give you **life** from my life.
2. Adam, I made this **paradise** for you.
3. I give you **charge** over all these animals and over this place.
4. But best of all, Adam, I give you this **beautiful female creature** to be your soulmate for life (the gift of **marriage**).
5. With her, I give you the ability to **make life**—I give you the gift of **children** and the gift to make a **family** for yourselves.
6. I give you both an **abundance** of beautiful, delicious things to eat. Everything you **need for life** is here for you from My hand. Eat freely, live freely, love freely; you are My beloved children.

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Satan's attack was aimed at **downplaying their freedoms** in the Lord by **confusing** Eve about the single prohibition God gave them.

*Has God really restricted you from eating from **any** tree in the garden?*

Every tree was for them; **one** tree was not.

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When did Eve sin? Did she sin **before** she ate the fruit or **after** she ate the fruit?

Yes to both.

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*“But I fear that, **as the serpent deceived Eve** by his craftiness, **your minds will be corrupted** from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.” (2 Cor. 11:3)*

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*“Give me your **heart**, my son, and let your **eyes** delight in **My** ways.”*
(Prov. 23:26)

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It struck at the **basis** for **knowledge**, for **moral standards**, and it proved **irrational/foolish**. (*Wayne Grudem*)

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The issue is that the **deceitfulness of sin** (deceitful desires/lusts of deceit):

- **Blinds** unbelievers—to God's goodness; sin works unchecked in them.
- **Tempts** believers—away from God's truth and devotion to Christ.

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Satan's first attack **clouded** God's truth and **created doubt**.

His second attack **contravened** God's truth, reversed it, and then **replaced** it in Eve's heart.

This is the pattern of temptation we all face.

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2. *What is right?* What **God said** defines what is right.

It's here that Eve began to show that she was willing to trust **herself** to decide what was right and wrong for her **apart from** the wisdom and truth of what God said.

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3. *What/Who am I?* What **God says** you are defines you.

God designed each of them to be as much like Himself as a human being can be. But Satan enticed Eve to believe that God's work in them, His design for them, was **lacking**.

A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill under a vast night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching from the horizon towards the top of the frame, with a vibrant purple and pink nebula at its core. The sky is filled with countless stars, and the horizon is a dark line of grass and trees.

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