

Part II: "When, Where, How and Why did Adam and Eve Disobey leading to what Consequences?"

With the continuation of the year of our Lord, 2025, let's enjoy Octoberfest with the teachings below on Adam and Eve with Genesis 3:1, *"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"* God is trying to warn the woman (Eve) that the snake is distinctly sly towards evil as compared to other Earthly creatures that the Lord hath made. Also, the serpent inquires whether the woman even comprehends that she *"shall not eat of every tree of the garden'."*

Moses continued in Genesis 3:2, *"And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;'"* a straight forward answer.

In Genesis 3:3 it states, *"But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"* The woman's implication is that at this point "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," referenced in Genesis 2:9 was still understood to be avoided by her at all costs.

Moses continued in Genesis 3:4, *"Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die.'" The serpent was not telling lies, since there are many evil people who regularly feast on this tree and are very much physically alive, and are in excellent physical health, but the bad things they do slowly drain their souls and they become saturated with guilt, shame and die spiritually, unless they repent to Jesus for their sins.*

In Genesis 3:5 it states, *"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."* This is the most venomous and blatant deception yet by the "serpent" that she will become goddess like in order to entice the women to eat of *"the tree of good and evil."*

Moses continued in Genesis 3:6, *"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was [a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."* As we can see the "serpent's" venom was effective to convince the women that this *"tree was good for food, that it was"* a desirable thing, *"and a tree to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate."* The "serpent" can come in many form including; door to door salesmen, Jehovah's Witnesses, or Mormonism, and the "tree to make one wise" could be a product line, vitamin, ideology or doctrine that sounds too good to be true until you read the fine print. Also, it is ironic that in the 2020's, modern women often take on a leadership responsibility in the relationship/marriage, since Genesis describes that the fall of humanity is the direct result of a woman giving her husband a byproduct from the "tree of good and evil" that she discovered while Adam was out hunting. Haven't we learned anything?

In Genesis 3:7 it states, *"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves [b]coverings."* The opening of eyes because *"they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together"* to clothe them, refers to the first time humanity, more particularly male and female, was required to feel some sort of shame or embarrassment for being naked as a result of the *"fruit of the tree of good and evil."* Imagine a World so perfect that we could all be nudists in Christ's name without ever a single perverted feeling or thought going through any of our minds or hearts.

Moses continued in Genesis 3:8, *"And they heard the [c]sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the [d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden."* That "sound of the Lord" was his voice. Additionally, the act of "Adam and his wife" hiding "themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden" is yet more evidence of their shame and embarrassment before God for the mistake they just made.

In Genesis 3:9 it states, *"Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, 'Where are you?'"* What's interesting to point out about this brief verse is that God singularly calls out to his first human creation, Adam, the first man, to ask, *"Where are you?"*

Moses continued in Genesis 3:10, *"So he said, 'I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.'"* Now we move from evidence to more, or less, a confession by Adam of his shame and embarrassment before God for the mistake he just made.

In Genesis 3:11 it states, *"And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?'"* Again, the questions above lead me to believe that God is implying the existence of nudist colonies could exist without ever the temptation of perversion entering the minds or hearts of any men or women, if the "serpents" had not cursed humanity with the *"fruit of the tree of good and evil."*

Moses continued in Genesis 3:12, *"Then the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.'"* The tone of this verse suggests that Adam is attempting to blame God for the woman, he "gave to be with" him, since "she gave" him "of the tree, and" he "ate."

In Genesis 3:13 it states, *"And the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'"* To Adam's chagrin before all mighty God, this first husband ever might be hearing for the very first time, his wife, making a confession to the Lord about listening to the serpent's deception of her that caused her to *"eat of the tree of good and evil,"* while he was out hunting.

Moses continued in Genesis 3:14, *"So the Lord God said to the serpent: 'Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.'"* One could speculate that the venomous serpent that Eve met in the garden at the time might have been classified as a quadrupedal animal, with 4 legs or limbs, like a lizard, however since they corrupted god's perfect creation of Adam and Eve, the snake

was cursed by God to slither the Earth for all eternity, limbless, in its current forms, shapes and sizes. I suppose there are many people who are Christians, who handle snakes for a living today, and would that be so wrong?

In Genesis 3:15 it states, *“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”* According to the *“American Dictionary of the English Language”* the word *“enmity”* is *“the quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship; ill will; hatred; unfriendly dispositions; malevolence¹”* between men and women and their seeds. *“It expresses more than aversion and less than malice, and differs from displeasure in denoting a fixed or rooted hatred, whereas displeasure is more transient”* between men and women.²

Moses continued in Genesis 3: 16 *“To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be [e]for your husband, And he shall rule over you.’”* The Lord indicates above that as a direct consequence of the first woman, Eve, who obeyed the *“serpent”* and *“ate of the tree of good and evil”*, there would be a multiplication of *“pain”* in all women’s wombs during all of the baby’s births forever and ever on Earth.

In Genesis 3:17 it states, *“Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: ‘Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.’”* This is quite antithetical to our contemporary Feminist culture which stresses that *“the wife is always right,”* since God is implying that the first husband was lacking in leadership abilities by blindly following his wife’s commands which caused humanity to partake of the forbidden *“fruit of the tree of good and evil. Cursed is the ground for your sake.”* The ground is the domain for fire ants, insects, invasive weeds, pests, and uneven surfaces, wet or icy floors that are trip hazards, earthquakes and volcanos are also the domain of the ground, an area all too prone to mischief, thanks to Adam’s sin. Eternal hard labor in the farms with herding sheep, cattle, and harvesting crops and orchards would not have even been necessary, but we could have lived in a land of effortless milk and honey without Adam’s complicity with Eve to obey the evil serpent against God’s will.

Moses continued in Genesis 3:18, *“Both thorns and thistles it shall [f]bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.”* I always wondered why such beautiful flowers as roses have thorns, its Adam and Eve’s and the serpent’s fault.

In Genesis 3:19 it states, *“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”* References to *“sweat of your face”* and eating *“bread”* could refer to the area of the mouth. Also, *“returning to the ground,”* and the rest of the verse referees to mortality which the opposite of what could have been, which is immortality. Mortality is the cycle of being born to dying, decaying, or returning to dust, which could be another unintended consequence of eating of the tree of good and evil.

¹ American Dictionary of the English Language, “Enmity” <https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/enmity> (Accessed 9/25/2025)

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Moses continued in Genesis 3:20, *“And Adam called his wife’s name Eve,[g] because she was the mother of all living.”* This simple statement indicates that even thou Eve did wrong by obeying the serpent, and Adam did wrong by obeying Eve by partaking of the fruit from the tree of good and evil, he tried to make it right with all mighty God by acknowledging that Eve *“was the mother of all living.”* This was a great move by Adam. Eve is all of our Greatest of Grandmas whether we are black, or white, Jew or Gentile.

In Genesis 3:20 it states, *“Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”* At this point, our God’s tone is starting to modify from anger and disgust to forgiveness and trying to make his creation fashionable for a World where people will be judged by their clothes and modesty.

Moses continued in Genesis 3:21, *“Then the Lord God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever’”* — This was God’s attempt at sarcasm regarding what man had done in his attempts to grasp at the tree of *“good and evil.”* Speculation between me and the founder of Cephas Ministries, Rita Williams with regards to putting one’s faith Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross and his Resurrection from the tomb does not necessarily void with 100% certainty, while we are still human *“lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever,”* but perhaps when we Christians die, are judged and arrive in Heaven that changes for us and we finally are warmly welcomed to enter with all the saints to *“the tree of life.”*

In Genesis 3:23 it states, *“therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.”* If you studied September’s lesson of Genesis 2:8-15, you learned the geography of the Middle East, including the 4 mighty rivers, where Adam and Eve were first sent out of the Eden into the World, and eventually their decedents migrated to Africa, Europe, Asia, and here in the Americas too.

Moses continued in Genesis 3:24, *“So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”* God reinforces 3:23 by driving *“out the man.”* God placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden,” What are cherubim? *“From this source, it appears that cherubs are a kind of divine guard,³ or guardian angel. “This fits in with the description of the cherubs in Solomon’s Temple as well (1 Kings 6:23-28), which were ten cubits (approximately twenty two feet) high.”⁴ In conclusion because of Adam and Eve’s sin against God, he placed a “Keep Out” sign on the Garden of Eden and more importantly the Tree of Life, for us who are living, but I seriously doubt that there is a prohibition to the Tree of Life once we get to Heaven with our Lord and Savior and all his Saints.*

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³The Torah – com “The Cherubim: Their Role on the Ark in the Holy of Holies”

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