

# Disobedience Leads to Death



In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam one rule: avoid the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or face death. This command, detailed in Genesis 2:15-17, introduces the original tale of human disobedience. After the serpent's temptation, both Eve and Adam ate the forbidden fruit, then shifted blame instead of accepting responsibility, marking the beginning of pride and sin, which leads to a spiritual death.

*Genesis 2:15-17 (KJV): And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

After God created the Garden of Eden, he placed Adam in the garden and told him that he could eat of every tree in the garden, except for the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told him that he would die if he ate from that tree. Eve had not yet been created when God told him this.

*Genesis 3:1-6 (KJV): Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

We all know the story of how the serpent tempted the woman to eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The serpent told her that she would not die, instead, her eyes would be opened and she would be like a god, knowing the difference between good and evil. She then ate the fruit and gave it to Adam, and he also ate the fruit.

Adam was in the garden with Eve when she was tempted by the serpent. At any time, he could have stepped in and stopped her from eating the fruit. Instead, he waited to see what would happen to her, and seeing that nothing bad happened, he too ate the fruit.

*Genesis 3:9-13 (KJV): And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast, thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

When God came looking for Adam and Eve, they hid because they were naked and afraid. When God asked Adam if he had eaten fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam admitted that he did but he did not take the blame for his actions. First, he blamed God for creating the woman and giving her to him, then he blamed the woman for giving him the fruit. From the very beginning, man has tried to blame his mistakes on others.

When God turned to Eve and asked her why she did it, she also did not take the blame and said that she was beguiled by the serpent. The word beguiled comes from the Hebrew word *Nasha* (naw-shaw) which translates to lead astray, delude, seduce, or deceive.

The first sin that they committed was disobedience. By eating the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam and Eve disobeyed a commandment of God.

The second sin they committed was pride. They were too proud to take the blame for the first sin, so they shifted the blame to someone else. In Proverbs, we are told that pride comes before destruction.

*Proverbs 16:18 (KJV): Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Had Adam and Eve accepted the blame for their disobedience, things might have been different for us. Instead, they allowed their pride to lead them to their destruction. We know from 1 John that if we confess our sins, God will forgive us and cleanse us from our unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:9 (KJV): If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Sin and death were never a part of God's original plan. It was through the disobedience of Adam and Eve that we now face a world full of sin, disease, and death. Today, everyone still blames others for their own mistakes and refuses to take responsibility for their own actions. Paul tells us in Romans that the wage of sin is death.

*Romans 6:23 (KJV): For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Here are a few of the ways that we blame others for our failings and sins:

- **Anger** – I would not lose my temper if the kids would not misbehave so much.
- **Impatience** – I would be a patient person if I did not have to sit here in rush hour traffic because people do not know how to drive.
- **Lust** – I would not lust after her if she did not walk around wearing those clothes.
- **Anxiety** – I would be calmer if my boss would get off my back and let me do my job.
- **Critical Spirit** – It is not my fault I am surrounded by people who are not intelligent.
- **Bitterness** – How can I forgive him for doing what he did to me?
- **Selfishness** – I would give more to the needy, but I have to save up for my vacation.

## X Tweets:

- The serpent's temptation led to the first sin, but it was pride that sealed humanity's fate. 🍏🌍  
#PrideBeforeTheFall #BiblicalLessons
- "Thou shalt surely die" - God's warning was clear, yet the allure of forbidden knowledge was too tempting. ⚠️🍏 #OriginalSin #GardenOfEden
- Blame-shifting started with Adam and Eve; they blamed each other and the serpent rather than owning up. 🙈🙈🙈 #TakeResponsibility #Genesis3
- Pride goes before destruction, says Proverbs. Adam and Eve's refusal to accept their fault led to our downfall. 📖💔 #PrideAndFall #ScriptureWisdom
- Sin and death entered through one act of disobedience, but redemption comes through Jesus Christ. ✝️🌈 #WagesOfSin #GiftOfGrace #Romans623