

The Tree of Life

In Genesis Chapter 2 God created man and allowed him to live in the Garden of Eden. Great place, with trees bearing fantastic fruit and all sorts of vegetation and things to eat. God realized that man needed a help mate. He created woman. He names them Adam and Eve. God had one major rule. Do not touch or eat from the tree in the center of the garden or you will die.

Well, Satan told Eve that if she ate this particular fruit, she would become like God knowing good and evil and he told her that she would not die. Well, she picked the fruit and ate it and then gave some to Adam. Immediately, their eyes were opened and they saw that they were naked.

Later God knew they had violated his word. He asked them if they ate from the tree of life. Adam pushed the blame off of both God and Eve. He said, “This woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it.” Then Eve snitched on Satan and said, “The Serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Neither Adam or Eve wanted to take responsibility for doing wrong. But they were the ones who made the decision to do wrong. So, God kicked them out of the Garden of Eden. God put a cherubim (Each had four faces—that of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle ([Ezekiel 1:10](#); also 10:14)—and each had four wings. In their appearance, the cherubim “had the likeness of a man” ([Ezekiel 1:5](#)).

God also put a flaming sword at the entrance to block anyone from going into the Garden of Eden.

Question Time:

1. Was the Garden of Eden a good place for man and his help mate?
2. What did God tell them not to do?
3. What did Eve and Adam do?
4. What did they say to God?
5. Did they take responsibility for their actions?

Scripture: Genesis 3: 1 - 5

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Next Steps: Read the rest of the story from Genesis 3 starting in verse 6 through 24. It is a great story and teaches us about telling the truth and being responsible for our actions.