

Adam & Eve

Almost everything has a starting point. A foot race has a beginning and an end. Life begins with the birth of a child and ends at different times for all people. We always hope that everyone we know will have a safe and happy, long life. But there is a beginning and an end. In Genesis chapter one God created the heavens and the earth. That was the beginning for the world we know. Remember, I said almost everything has a beginning and an end? Well, God is the exception.

God has always existed even before the world began. In Revelation, the last book of the New Testament, in chapter one verse 8 it says, ***“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”*** says the Lord, ***“who is and who was, and who is to come. The Almighty.”***

If you recall, God created the heavens and earth and then rested on the seventh day. In chapter two of Genesis it says that before God created shrubs or plants and even before He created rain, He recognized that there was no man to work the fields. So, God formed man from the dust of the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

In verse 18 God also recognized that it is not good for man to be alone. He created a helper suitable for him. God then allowed man and his helper called woman to live in the Garden of Eden. God gave them a basic rule. You can eat anything you desire, except from the tree of life in the center of the garden. Well, just like most children, Eve and Adam were curious about the tree of life and the serpent, whom we know is Satan, convinced them to eat from the forbidden fruit on the tree.

When children are young and they see the top of the stove that cooks food, their parents always say, “Don’t touch that stove top, its hot and it will burn you.” Many children just can’t handle not touching the stove top. So, their curiosity gets to them and they touch the stove top. They remove their hand quickly and cry out in pain. The stove top was indeed hot and they indeed burned their hand. They suffered pain. Why don’t children just do as their parents say? No one knows other than they have to learn some tough lessons. They have to get burned once in a while. Hopefully, they will listen to their parents in the future and not try things out that they were warned are dangerous.

Adam and Eve were not only burned by the experience of eating the fruit and disobeying God, but they were punished too. They lost their privilege to be in the Garden of Eden. God kicked them out. This disobedience is the first sin, called original sin.

Wow! When you disobey your parents, its not as bad as this. Being kicked out the Garden of Eden by God, is pretty serious stuff. So, now for thousands of years man has been trying to get back on God’s good side. God gave them a way. In the old testament He gave them the law of Moses. In the new testament He gave us His one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

The lesson to learn here is that Adam and Eve didn't get kicked out of the Garden of Eden because they ate the fruit, but because they disobeyed God. We need to obey God every day. Sin is disobedience against God. Disobedience against your parents is disrespectful.

Scripture:

Revelation 1:8, Genesis 1:1 & 2: 5 – 3: 24

Questions:

1. Who made God?
2. Who did God make?
3. What did God make?
4. Did God punish Adam and Eve for their disobedience?
5. Should we touch a hot stove?
6. Should we disobey our parents?

Next Steps:

Think of one thing your parents have told you not to do and try to come up with a way to recognize why they told you not to do it.