

Study 2: The Fall

In Genesis 3 tragedy strikes as man rejects the provisions of God and chooses to go his own way with horrific consequences.

A. The Temptation and Fall of Man

Read Genesis 3:1-24.

1. Who was the serpent? (Also see Revelation 12:9 and John 8:44.)
2. What was the temptation?
3. Why was it wrong to eat of the fruit?
4. How did Adam and Eve's disobedience affect their relationship with each other?
5. How did their disobedience affect their relationship with God?
6. What were the consequences of their disobedience?
7. Did God give them any hope?

B. Disobedience, Jealousy, and Murder

Read Genesis 4:1-8.

1. What was the consequence of the fall of man in the next generation?
2. What motivates such a horrible activity of a man against his brother? (James 4:1-2)

Conclusion

1. How does the story of Adam and Eve help explain the problems in our world today?
2. Do you think God is pleased with what we have done with His creation? Why?
3. God pursues you as He did Adam and Eve. Where are you? (Genesis 3:8-9) In what ways have you sensed God pursuing you?