

Where Are You?

Chapter 6

Audio Lesson: Old Testament Survey lesson six



Objective: To understand how sin came into the world.



The Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

—Genesis 3:9-11

Adam and Eve faced the same decision we all face every day: Are we going to live God's way or are we going to have it our way? God had put Adam and Eve in a perfect garden and given them every tree that was good for food and the tree of life. He also put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden and told them not to eat of it.

When God put Adam and Eve in the garden, He provided everything they would ever need. He knew their needs because He had made them. And because He made us, He knows our needs as well and has every intention of providing for them.

Adam and Eve did not look to God alone to meet their needs. Genesis 3 is a picture of two people who sinned and how God dealt with them, but it is also the picture of all of us, who have sinned. It shows us how God deals with us when we hide from God when we sin. It is the picture of sin and its consequences. And it is the picture of God pursuing the sinner and opening the lines of communication.



1. True or false? We always have a choice of whether to do God's will or to do ours.
2. True or false? God did not give Adam and Eve enough to provide for their needs in the garden.

Choose one best answer unless instructed otherwise.

3. How does Genesis explain life?
 - a. as it was
 - b. as it is
 - c. both
 - d. neither

4. God provided trees to meet the needs of man's eye, then to meet his need for food, then to give him life. The tree of knowledge was declared off limits. Put that list of priorities into the order that Adam and Eve actually did them.

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| a. eyes | i. _____ |
| b. food | ii. _____ |
| c. life | iii. _____ |
| d. knowledge | iv. _____ |

5. Read or listen to Deuteronomy 8:3. According to this verse, where does our true life come from?

- a. the food we eat
- b. getting our desires gratified
- c. the word of God
- d. following our own will

...He did it to teach you that people need more than bread for their life; real life comes by feeding on every word of the LORD.

—Deuteronomy 8: 3

6. Read or listen to Matthew 6:22-23. When the Bible uses the word "eye," what does it often really mean?

- a. our mindset and outlook on life
- b. our own plans
- c. our actual, physical eyes
- d. the word of God

Your eye is a lamp for your body. A pure eye lets sunshine into your soul. But an evil eye shuts out the light and plunges you into darkness. If the light you think you have is really darkness, how deep that darkness will be!

—Matthew 6: 22-23

7. What does Adam and Eve eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge represent?

- a. revelation from God
- b. science
- c. our attempt to meet our needs ourselves
- d. God's desire for us to remain ignorant

8. Why did God ask questions of Adam and Eve?
- a. He really wanted to know the answers.
 - b. He wanted them to confess what they had done.
 - c. He wanted to punish whoever gave them information.
 - d. He wanted to see if they remembered their mistake.
9. What does it mean to confess our sin?
- a. to explain why we did it
 - b. to talk God out of punishing us
 - c. to admit that it offended someone else
 - d. to say we feel bad when we are caught doing something wrong
 - e. to agree with God about what we have done
10. The Bible is the story of _____ .
- a. man seeking after God
 - b. God seeking after man



Have you been “eating from the wrong tree”? How does it make you feel? Why? How do you think God wants you to respond? Why?



Pray and confess to God if you are not where you should be in your relationship with Him. Ask God to help you to look to Him to provide for your every need and to give you strength to say no to the temptations of our eyes, lusts of our bodies, and pride of life.



Going Deeper

1. What is the third chapter of the book of Genesis telling us that actually happened in the garden? _____

2. Explain the allegory of the trees in the garden. _____

3. Relate this allegory to the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 6: 22, 23. _____

4. Why did the Creator ask His creature questions? _____

5. What truth is being profiled by God's asking of these questions? _____

6. Relate this story to the great sermon of Moses in Deuteronomy 8:1-3 that we shall not live by bread alone, but by every word God has spoken. _____

7. How does this demonstrate the love of God? _____

