

## Paradise Lost

Genesis 3:1-7

**Context:** After being placed in the Garden of Eden into a perfect paradise, the Serpent questions the word of God, tempting Adam and Eve to disobey God.

### As Adam and Eve commit the first sin...

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ what God's Word says (vs. 1-5)

1. God had warned Adam in Genesis 2:17, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." And now the serpent contradicts God and says, "You will not surely die (vs. 4)."
2. "Notice Satan's tactics. He intentionally misrepresented God, implying that God had commanded, **You can't eat from any tree in the garden**. One of Satan's oldest lies, as alluring today as then, is this: God is holding out on you." (Tony Evans)

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ your home into obedience (vs. 6)

1. We learn in verse 6 that Adam was present ("who was with her"). When the Serpent addressed Eve with the word "You," in verse 1 and 4, it is plural in the Hebrew - emphasizing that Adam was there the whole time.
2. In this passage, "Everything was up side-down. Eve followed the snake, Adam followed Eve, and no one followed God." (Kent Hughes)

#### C. \_\_\_\_\_ at the consequences (vs. 7)

1. Their nakedness symbolizes their innocence (2:25), but now they have lost that innocence. So the first barrier is set up, symbolized by the fig leaves that separate them from each other, from the garden, and from God. The harmony has been lost. (DA Carson)
2. Sin fractures the relationship between God and us and between others and us. It also creates a painful emotional distance and destroys the close fellowship God intended for us to enjoy. (Charles Stanley)