

## THE TREE OF KNOWING GOOD & EVIL

### Review

### Genesis 1:27 & Genesis 2:7-25

1:27 Creator God made people – God made people in his image. 2:7 (First,) God made a man from the dirt. 8 And God put the man in the Garden of Eden. 9 In the middle of the garden were two trees: the *Tree of Life*; and the *Tree of Knowing Good & Evil*. 16 God commanded the man, “You may eat from any tree in the garden. 17 But you must not eat from the *Tree of Knowing Good & Evil*, or you will certainly die.”

18 Then God said, “The man is alone – it is not good to be alone. I will make a helper for the man – the helper will fit him. 22 Then God made a woman. And God brought the woman to the man. 24 The man will be united to his wife – and the husband and wife will become one body. 25 The man and his wife were naked – but they felt no shame.

### Satan Tempts the Woman

### Genesis 3:1-7

1 Satan came to the woman in the form of a snake. And Satan said to the woman, “Did God really say, “Do not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?” 2 The woman said to the snake, “It is okay to eat the fruit in the garden. 3 But God said, ‘Do not eat fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden – and do not touch it – or you will die.’”

4 But the snake said, “You will not die. 5 God knows that the tree is good – God knows that you will become wise – your eyes will be opened. You will be like God – you will know good and evil!”

6 The woman looked at the *Tree of Knowing Good & Evil*. The fruit looked delicious – and the fruit was beautiful. And she thought: The fruit will make me wise. So she took the fruit – and she ate it. Her husband was with her. So she gave the fruit to her husband – and he ate it.

7 Then the man’s and woman’s eyes were opened – and they realized: We are naked! So they took fig leaves – and they sewed the fig leaves together. And they covered their bodies with the fig leaves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard a sound – they heard God walking in the garden. God was walking in the garden in the cool evening. And the man and woman hid from God – they hid from God behind trees in the garden.

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did God tell the man he could do? (2:16)

Was God stingy?

*God generously gives us everything to enjoy.*

1 Timothy 6:17

- What one thing did God say: Do not do? (verse 17)
- If the man disobeyed God what would happen? (verse 17)
- Who tempted the woman? (3:1)
- What form was Satan in? (verse 1)
- What was the first thing that Satan said to the woman? (verse 1)
  - How did Satan change God's words? (verse 1) (Compare 3:1 and 2:16)
- How did Satan contradict God's words? (3:4)

Is Satan good at attacking God's words?

Why do you think Satan attacks God's words?

Why do you think Satan attacks the Bible – God's Word?

- How did Satan lie about God's motives? (verse 5)

Is Satan good at attacking God himself?

Did God love the woman and the man?

Did Satan suggest that God did not love the woman?

- Did the woman believe Satan, or did the woman believe God? (verse 6)
  - So what did she do?
- Who was with the woman? (verse 6)
- Who did the man listen to? What did he do? (verse 6)

Who did the man and woman betray?

Was the man & woman's action shameful toward their Heavenly Father?

Who do we listen to?

Our Heavenly Father? Or family, friends and other people?

- What did the man and woman realize? (verse 7) So what did they do?

What did the man and woman lose?

How did they change?

How did their feelings about themselves change?

- Who did the man and woman hear? Then what did they do? (verse 8)

Why do you think they hid from God?

What happened to their relationship with God?

- So what will happen to the man and woman? (Genesis 2:17)

Is it serious to disobey Creator God?

How serious is it?