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"Genesis 3 is one of the crucial chapters of Holy Scripture. If it were suddenly removed from the Bible, the Bible would no longer make sense. Life would no longer make sense." RAYMOND C. ORTLUND, JR.

"If we all started out in Edenic bliss, why is life so painful now? Genesis 3 explains why. And if something has gone terribly wrong, do we have any hope of restoration. Genesis 3 gives us hope." RAYMOND C. ORTLUND, JR.

"Man is born free, and everywhere is in chains." JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

"There is no such thing as crime... I do not believe that people are in jail because they deserve to be. They are in jail simply because they cannot avoid it on account of circumstances which are entirely beyond their control and for which they are in no way responsible." CLARENCE DARROW

"The depravity of man is at once the most empirically verifiable reality but at the same time the most intellectually resisted fact." MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE



Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" GENESIS 3:1

The woman said to the serpent, the garden, GENESIS 3:2

"We may eat fruit from the trees in

but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."

GENESIS 3:3



"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. GENESIS 3:4

"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." GENESIS 3:5

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. GENESIS 3:6

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. GENESIS 3:7

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. GENESIS 3:8

But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" GENESIS 3:9



He answered, "I heard You in the was naked; so I hid." GENESIS 3:10

garden, and I was afraid because I

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 3:11

The man said, "The woman You put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." GENESIS 3:12

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." GENESIS 3:13





The Crime (3:1-6)

"Here is the lie that has allured the human race from the beginning: There is no punishment for disobedience."

ALLEN P. ROSS



"The enemy has a strategy that leads to tragedy." WARREN WIERSBE

"The essence of the first sin was to transform freedom into independence." TOM JULIEN

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned... **ROMANS** 5:12



The Cover-Up (3:7,8)

For everything in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 JOHN 2:16

The world and its desires pass God lives forever. 1 JOHN 2:17

away, but whoever does the will of

A thorough knowledge of the Word of God and an unwavering trust in the goodness of God are absolutely essential for spiritual victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. ALLEN P. ROSS

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? PSALM 139:7

If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, **PSALM 139:9**

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. PSALM 139:10

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," PSALM 139:11

even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.

"Eve usurped Adam's headship and led the way into sin. And Adam, who (it seems) had stood by passively, allowing the deception to progress without decisive intervention – Adam, for his part, abandoned his post as head." RAYMOND C. ORTLUND, JR.

"Eve was deceived; Adam forsook his responsibility. Both were wrong and together they pulled the human race down into sin and death." RAYMOND C. ORTLUND, JR.

"Physical death is separation that takes place within man himself, resulting in the disintegration of his very being. Spiritual death is the separation of man from God." TOM JULIEN



The Conversation (3:9–13)

The inversion of roles characterizes this narrative. Massive chaos ensues. Hers is a sin of initiative. His is a sin of acquiescence.

"What's wrong with the world?" "Dear Sirs, I am." Sincerely yours, G. K. Chesterton.

Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven — if there was anything to forgive — I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 2 CORINTHIANS 2:10

in order that Satan might not of his schemes. 2 CORINTHIANS 2:11

outwit us. For we are not unaware



The Fall into sin introduced brokenness and blameshifting which infects every part of our lives.







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