# **The Beginning of Sin** Genesis 3

#### "You should question God's word"

"Did God actually say ... " (Gen. 3:1)

#### "You are missing out"

"You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?" (Gen. 3:1)

## The goodness of God forgotten

God's Command to Adam	Eve's Statement to the Serpent	The Difference
<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may <u>surely</u> eat of every tree of the garden, (Gen. 2:16)	<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, (Gen. 3:2)	Minimizes God's generosity
<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, (Gen. 2:17)	<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, <u>neither shall</u> <u>you touch it</u> , (Gen. 3:3)	Exaggerates God's requirements
for in the day that you eat of it you shall <u>surely</u> die. (Gen. 2:17)	lest you die. (Gen. 3:3)	Downplays God's judgment

#### "You can determine your own standards"

"you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5)

#### "You will not face judgement"

"you shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4)

Sin Gets Progressively Worse			
First Sins	Son's Sins (Individual)	World's Sins (Collective)	
Adam & Eve	Cain's	Flood	
<sub>Eating</sub>	sin against brother	generation	
Noah's	Ham's	Tower	
Drunkenness	sin against father	generation	

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Sons of Death & Life a theme in Genesis			
Parents	Sons of Death	Sons of Life	
God	Adam / Eve	One born of woman Genesis 3:15	
Adam and Eve	Cain	Seth	
Noah	Ham	Shem	
Abraham	Ishmael	lsaac	
Isaac	Esau	Jacob	
Jacob	10 Sons	Joseph	

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## Shame is covered by sacrifice

"God made garments of sins and clothed them" (3:21)

#### **Two Gardens & Two Angels**

#### Genesis 3:24

"He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the **cherubim** and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life" (Genesis 3:24)

#### Revelation 22:1-3, 14

<sup>1</sup> Then the **angel** showed me ... the tree of life ... <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the **right to the tree of life** and that they may enter the city by the gates. (Revelation 22:1-3, 14)