

Eve's Story

Based on Genesis 3

One day, while Adam and Eve were in the garden that God created for them, Satan took the form of a snake and tempted Eve to eat a piece of fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This is the only tree in the garden from which God forbade Adam and Eve to eat. Satan lied to Eve, telling her that the fruit wouldn't kill her; instead, it would make her be like God. Eve saw that the fruit on the tree was beautiful and looked delicious, so she listened to Satan and ate the fruit. She even gave some to her husband, Adam. Immediately, Adam and Eve saw that they were naked and they felt shame. They were also afraid because they had disobeyed God, so they tried to hide from Him. Of course, that is impossible.

God saw that Adam and Eve were ashamed, so he killed an animal and gave them the skin to use like clothes. That animal died to cover Adam and Eve's shame. This was the first time in history that blood was shed.

God is completely righteous, holy, and honorable; that is why He must punish disobedience, which the Bible calls sin. Even though God loved Adam and Eve, He forced them to leave the garden. The relationship that they had shared with God was broken. Ever since then, people have been separated from God. Sin and shame are "in our bloodline," and there is nothing we can do to change that. Just like we inherit our mother's appearance or character traits, we inherit that shame which separates us from God.

Was there any way for Adam and Eve to resume their relationship with God? Is there any way that we—frail and sinful human beings—can reach God? Unless we can live perfect lives with no sin and no shame, we cannot have a relationship with God.

But we are not without hope! True, we cannot reach God, but even before Eve reached for the fruit, God had a plan to reach down to us and bring all of humanity back into relationship with Him.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life . . ." Romans 6:23



