

ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD: GENESIS 3:1-7

God had been so good to Adam. God had given Adam a beautiful garden to live in. Adam could do anything he pleased except for one thing. He could not eat the fruit on one certain tree. God said, "Adam, this the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and if you eat the fruit from this tree you will surely die." Well, that's plain enough. God asked Adam to do just one thing for Him, to obey Him. That would certainly show Adam's love for God. Adam must never eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But Adam and his wife, Eve, were so happy in the garden it didn't seem possible that anything could go wrong. But something did.

One day Eve came to the tree that God said not to eat from. Along came Satan in the form of a beautiful serpent - a snake. Satan spoke out of the mouth of the serpent and said to Eve "Has God said you must not eat the fruit from any tree of the garden?" "Oh no" said Eve, "God didn't say that at all. We can eat all the other fruit. It's just the fruit on this tree we should not eat. We can't even touch it or we will die." And that wicked serpent told the lie that started all the trouble. "It won't really hurt you. It will just make you wise like God knowing good and evil."

Well, it sounded so good that Eve believed that serpent. She ate some fruit. The she gave Adam some and he ate it too. And so they both disobeyed the Lord God. Well, the minute they disobeyed God they began to be afraid. They tried to cover their shame with fig leaf coats. When God came to visit them they hid. Now of course, Adam and Eve could not really hide from God. God knew right where they were. He also knew they had done the one thing He had told them not to do. They had spoiled everything. And because they disobeyed Him, God told Adam and Eve to leave the garden. God still loved Adam and Eve though. He loved them so much that He even went with them outside the garden to watch over them.

Can you think of some ways that you have disobeyed and spoiled it all? The Bible calls it sin and says that sin must be punished. But the Bible has some wonderful news for you. First there's something you must do. It tells us that in Psalm 38 verse 18 "I will be sorry for my sin." And now comes the wonderful news. God has already sent Jesus to take your punishment. All you have to do is believe that. Let Jesus know that you believe it. Tell God that you want to belong to Him.

For the Bible says that God so loved the world--that means you--that He gave his Son--that's Jesus--that whosoever--that means you again--that whosoever believes in Him--in Jesus--shall not perish--or die and be left out of heaven--but shall have everlasting life. You can read that for yourself in John chapter 3 verse 16. Then read today's Bible story in Genesis chapter 3 verses 1 to 7.