

**1. Gen 2:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

**Answer (a):** Adam and Eve had a free will – they could choose who they would trust. The tree would test their loyalty, who would they trust – would they trust what God told them or would they trust what the "serpent" told them – they could choose whose word they would trust.

**Answer (b):** Eating the fruit of the tree (disobeying what God had told them) would cause them to die.

**2. Gen 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**Answer:** Adam and Eve listened to what the serpent told them and trust what he said instead of trusting what God had told them. They believed the serpent when he told them that God had lied to them.

**3. Gen 3:8-24**

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

<sup>10</sup> So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup> And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

<sup>12</sup> Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

<sup>13</sup> And the Lord God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup> So the Lord God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this,  
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And you shall eat dust  
All the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,

And you shall bruise His heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;  
In pain you shall bring forth children;  
Your desire *shall be* for your husband,  
And he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;  
In toil you shall eat *of* it  
All the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup>Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,  
And you shall eat the herb of the field.

<sup>19</sup>In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread  
Till you return to the ground,  
For out of it you were taken;  
For dust you *are*,  
And to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

<sup>21</sup>Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— <sup>23</sup>therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup>So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Answer:** The “cost” of sin was very expensive! Adam and Eve lost the following:

1. Their purity.
2. Eden home.
3. Equality between Adam and Eve.
4. Ability to trust and love.
5. Face-to-face communion with God.

#### 4. Gen 4:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the Lord.” <sup>2</sup>Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup>And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

<sup>6</sup>So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup>Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

**Answer:** How quickly? Cain (Adam and Eve's first born son) murdered his younger brother Abel.

**4a. Gen 6: 5,6**

<sup>5</sup>Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

**Answer:** How far? Man became wicked (physically, mentally, spiritually) continually.

**5. Roman 3:23**

<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, . . .

**5a. Psalm 119:11, 105**

<sup>11</sup>Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
That I might not sin against You.

<sup>105</sup>Your word *is* a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.

**Answer (a):** God's Word in our heart (mind) empowers us to not sin.

**5b. Psalm 16:11**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

**Answer (b):** God will reveal (show us) the "path of life" – how to avoid the "path of death".

**5c. John 1:4**

<sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Answer (c):** God will give man "life" even though he deserves death because of his rebellion (sin).

**6. John 8:12**

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**6. (Additional Text) John 1:9**

<sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

**6a. Luke 5:30-32**

<sup>3</sup>And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>31</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

**Answer (a):** Jesus came to call sinners to repentance and thus to receive the benefits of the Plan of Salvation made possible by God through our faith (trust) in His plan.

**6b. Luke 19:10**

<sup>10</sup>for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**Answer (b):** Jesus came to seek and save sinners (those who are lost and will die without God's intervention (The Plan of Salvation)).

**6. (Additional texts) John 13:34, 35**

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**6. (Additional Texts) 1 Cor. 13:4-8a**

<sup>4</sup>Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup>does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup>does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup>bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails.

**6. (Additional Texts) 1 John 4:8-11**

<sup>4</sup>You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup>We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**7. (Review) Gen 1:26,27**

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**7a. Rev. 21:1, 2**

<sup>1</sup>Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup>Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Answer (a):** New heaven, New earth, New Jerusalem

**7b. Rev. 21:3, 23**

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

<sup>23</sup>The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

**Answer (b):** God will once again live (face-to-face) with His people and be their God (they trust Him).

**7c. Rev. 21:4**

<sup>4</sup>And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

**Answer (c):** No more death, sorrow, crying, tears, or pain.

**7d. Rev. 22:1, 2**

<sup>1</sup>And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

**Answer (d):** Tree of Life, which will provide "healing of the nations".

**7e. Rev. 3:5**

<sup>5</sup>He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

**Answer (e):** Those to "overcome" the devil and his attacks do so because they are "clothed in white garments" (the robe of Christ's righteousness) and thus are listed in the Book of Life and confessed or acknowledged or affirmed before God and the angels.

**8. John 3:16**

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.