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and for help in growing in your understanding of God's word

**KEY VERSE** [15] *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

### OPEN UP

What questions do *you* have regarding sin, Satan, and the Garden in Eden?

### DISCOVER GOD'S WORD

1. In Chapter 2, we saw that the couple is supposed to be guarding the sanctuary. How do they fail at this and who ends up taking this "work" from them by the end of Chapter 3?
2. Like an investigator looking for clues, slow down verse by verse to carefully examine: What is the exact progression of Eve and Adam's sin? (What happens 1st, 2nd, etc.)
3. What was so tempting to the couple about the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? Every sin and each idol is attractive because it holds out a promise to us. What was the (false) promise that the fruit of this tree held out to the couple?
4. How has the couple's relationship to each other, to the earth, and to God changed by the end of the chapter?

### APPLY GOD'S WORD

1. What should have Adam and Eve done when the serpent first slithered into the sanctuary? What mistakes did they make? How can you apply this to how you could better respond next time when you have a temptation to sin?



2. We can use Eve and Adam in Genesis 3 as a case study (Saul in 1 Samuel 15, esp. Verse 9 is also a good study).

Re-read Genesis 3:6 in context of [James 1:13-15](#) to see the progression of our sin. Chart each of these 4 steps for Eve/Adam (or Saul). **And then try it for yourself regarding a recent sin, by answering:**

- **What was so attractive to me about this sin?**
- **What was the lie behind this sin?** (What did it promise it would give me, make me, help me feel, etc.)
- **Even when I knew I shouldn't do it, why did I become preoccupied with doing it?** (Why did I feel powerless to obey God and why did I want to obey my sinful desire? Why did I get so focused on that thought, action, course of life, habit, false worship, etc.?)
- **What is the cost of this sin?** How does this affect me, my relationship with my spouse/children/friends/coworkers/church, and my relationship with my Savior Jesus Christ?
- **How can I respond to God right now?** Repentance is a great start! Running away is not a good option.
- **How can I better respond next time when this temptation comes?** What will I do differently?

*But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.  
Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death*

*James 1:14-15*

*Tempted*  
attraction

*Lured*  
deception

*Enticed*  
preoccupation

*Death*  
subjection



*the progression of sin*