

1. The Identity of the Serpent

- a) Genesis 3:1a Note the definite article—THE Serpent. Who is this adversary who seeks to lead our first parents to rebel against their Creator? Revelation 12:7-9
- b) What is the serpent’s main strategy? Genesis 3:1-4 (see also 2 Corinthians 11:3, John 8:44)
- c) Where did this adversary originate? Ezekiel 28:13-15, Isaiah 14:12-14
- d) Revelation 12:4 How did Satan convince one third of the angels to join him in rebellion against God? (see also Ephesians 6:12)

2. The Forbidden Fruit

- a) Genesis 2:16-17 Was the fruit on this Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil poisonous?
- b) How did Satan convince Eve to deliberately disobey her Creator? (Genesis 3:1-6)
- c) How did Eve convince Adam to join her in rebellion against God? Genesis 3:6b
- d) What vital lessons can we learn from this story?

3. Hiding from their loving Creator

- a) Genesis 3:7-8 ,10 What was the immediate reaction of Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God?
- b) Genesis 3:9 Why did the LORD God come looking for them and what was the significance of His question?
- c) Genesis 3:10-13 How had their act of disobedience against God already begun to impact their thinking?

- d) Rather than blame someone else for our sins, what response does God desire from his wayward children? 1 John 1:8-9
- e) How can we find the courage to be honest with God in our sinful condition? Romans 2:4, Jeremiah 31:3

4. The Fate of the Serpent

- a) Genesis 3:15 Who is the Seed of the woman that will crush the serpent’s head? (Hebrews 2:9,14-15)
- b) Is Satan, the Serpent, aware of his final fate? Revelation 12:12
- c) Why doesn’t Satan just give up his vicious war against God and all who choose to love and follow God? (John 3:19-20)

5. Hope for the Future

- a) What were the consequences of disobedience for our first parents? Genesis 3:15-24
- b) Where do you find a word of hope imbedded in this tragic story? Genesis 3:15, 21
- c) What lessons can we learn from this tragic story and what hope can we find for our lives today?
- d) Share other stories recorded in the Bible where the LORD provides all that is needed for salvation.
- e) How did the LORD rescue you and give you hope?