

# Sin & the Fall of Mankind

## Study 5– Genesis 3:1-13

1. Who do you think the “*serpent*” is in this passage? Where do you think this serpent came from? How do you think that this serpent was able to communicate with Eve? What seems to be the serpent’s clear objective with Eve? Why do you think the serpent had this agenda with her? Suggested Reading: *Isaiah 14:12-19, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Revelation 12:1-17*

2. Do you think that this “*serpent*” is operational today? Why or why not? If this serpent is at work today, what do you think is the serpent’s primary objective in the world, or even with you personally? What are some other biblical names for this serpent? Suggested Reading: *Luke 4:1-13, John 8:44, John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:7-17*

3. What do you think compelled Eve to eat the forbidden fruit? What are Eve’s three or four reasons that motivated her to disobey God and actually eat the fruit (v. 4-6)? Have you ever had any similar assessments, conclusions, or motivations regarding sinful things in your life?

4. What does Adam do when Eve offers him the fruit? Why do you think Adam ate as well?

5. Describe the relational dynamic between God and Adam (and Eve) *before* Adam sinned and ate of the fruit. Now, describe the relationship immediately *after* Adam sinned and ate the fruit God. What, if anything, is different about their relationship or Adam and Eve’s behavior towards God after their sin? Why do you think they acted in this manner?

6. Write down each specific reaction or response of Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit: what did they do, say to God, and who did they blame? What, if anything, are the similarities between the behaviors of Adam and Eve’s after they disobeyed God to the behaviors of mankind today after we disobey God? What are some ways in which mankind today, and maybe even you, act like Adam and Eve in our nature or disobedience?