



The Scarlet Thread of Redemption
Lesson 1: Sin Enters the World

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INTRODUCTION:

READING: Genesis 3:8-13 [NIV]

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

TABLE STUDY:

1. How did the serpent create doubt in Eve's mind? What lie did the serpent tell the woman? How did he deceive her?
2. What 4 things happened immediately after the man and the woman were disobedient to the command of God? (read vv7-10)
3. Why do you think God asked them, "Where are you?"

TEACHING NOTES:

TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. When you picture life in the Garden of Eden, what kinds of things come to mind?
2. Eve ate the fruit because she wanted the wisdom promised by the serpent. Can you think of a time when something you first thought was good turned out to be bad? What brought clarity to the situation?
3. Notice the pattern used by the serpent: doubt → deception → disobedience. Is there a time when you have seen this play out in your life? What should we do when doubt in God's word surfaces in our minds?
4. What can you learn about God from this story? What can you learn about humankind?
5. What are some other questions this story raises in your mind?
6. Spend a few moments contemplating this story. How is it personal for you? Share your thoughts if you feel prompted to do so.

UNISON READING: Ephesians 1:7 [NIV]

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.