

# THE STORY OF GOD: THE FALL

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## **What had Adam and Eve experienced up to this point?**

They had been created by God.  
They knew God personally.  
They knew God called them to trust Him completely.

The “knowledge of good and evil” refers to making your own decisions about what’s good and evil (Deuteronomy 1:39; Isaiah 7:15-16).

## **So what happened in Genesis 3?**

Adam and Eve stopped trusting God; started deciding for themselves what was good and evil.

Why? Because they did not like being told what to do; they wanted to be in control; they wanted to call the shots and be independent (3:2-3).

## **What resulted from this?**

They were naked (v.7).  
They hid from God (vv.8-13).  
God cursed Satan (vv.14-15).  
God punishes Eve (v.16).  
God punished Adam (vv.17-19).  
God casts them out of the garden, away from His presence and the tree of life (vv.22-24).

## **What else does God do?**

3:21 — God makes clothes for them.

3:15 — God promises to change Eve’s heart; change the hearts of many; destroy the serpent’s work through Jesus

## **What does this mean for us?**

Understand what’s wrong with the world.  
Understand what’s wrong with you, and me.  
Understand God’s mercy offered in Jesus.  
Ask God to change your heart through Jesus.  
Live trusting Jesus.  
Advance God’s mission.

