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How Did Evil Come into the World?

If God created the world and God is good, then how did evil come into this world? It's a legitimate question raised by man—and not left unanswered in the Word of God.

It's where we'll begin our study of Genesis chapters 3–11.

TAKING IT IN

1. Let's observe Genesis 3.
 - a. Mark the following words/phrases in a way that distinguishes them from one another. Be sure to mark their pronouns and/or synonyms in the same distinctive way.
 - 1) *God**
 - 2) *Adam*
 - 3) *Eve*
 - 4) *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*
 - 5) *the tree of life*
 - 6) *the serpent**
 - 7) *die**
 - 8) *cursed**

* See the back cover of your book for suggestions on how to mark these.
 - b. On the “Genesis 1–11 at a Glance” chart in the Appendix, record the main event(s) or theme of Genesis 3.

4. What happened as a result of Adam and Eve eating the fruit of the tree forbidden by God? For clarity, it might help to fill out the chart below:

To Adam and Eve Collectively	To Eve	To Adam

5. The word “cursed” is used two times in Genesis 3. Who/what is specifically cursed?
6. Look up Romans 5:12 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 and answer the following:
- a. How did sin come into the world?
 - b. What were its consequences?

c. How is the truth of this seen in Genesis 2–3?

7. Read Genesis 3 again, looking at references to the *serpent*.

Record your observations on the chart at the end of this lesson, “A Profile of the Serpent Introduced in Genesis 3.”

LIVING IT OUT

1. Now, student of God’s Word, think about what you’ve observed, what you have seen on your own. Think of how sin changed everything for Adam and Eve. Has breaking a commandment of God ever changed things in your life? How? Did it just affect you or did it affect others? What did you learn as a result of it?

We’ll leave you a little space in which to jot down any thoughts you might have and want to remember.

2. Think about all you observed about the serpent. What have you learned, Beloved of God¹, that you can apply to your life?

3. Finally, have you seen anything else from Genesis 3 that you can apply to your life? If so, write it down.

You have had a full week, Beloved, and we trust you have learned much. We've looked at the tempter and gained valuable insights into his crafty ways; next week we'll take a closer look at temptation. Wow! You are going to gain some valuable insights that should help you resist whatever comes your way that is against the Word of God.

Thank you so much for disciplining yourself in order to get to know your God. What you are doing demonstrates the value you place on knowing Him and serving Him.

¹“Beloved” is a biblical term used by many New Testament writers—John, Paul, Peter, Jude—to address those to whom they were writing, the beloved of God. How important it is, in this day and age, to realize that this is what we are to God. Thus, we use the same term without apology, knowing that it was very obvious that as God superintended the writing of His Word, it was a very important designation used equally for men as well as for women. In light of the culture of the day, it was directed more to the men than the women! Enjoy it!

A PROFILE OF THE SERPENT INTRODUCED IN GENESIS 3

What He Is	What He Is Called	His Approach and/or Tactics	The Consequences of His Actions	His Ultimate Destiny

GENESIS 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THUS the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

- 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.
- 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.
- 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
- 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
- 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- 10** Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.
- 11** The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
- 12** The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
- 13** The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.
- 14** The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
- 15** Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- 16** The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;
- 17** but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”
- 18** Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
- 19** Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.
- 20** The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

- 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.
- 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
- 23 The man said,
 “This is now bone of my bones,
 And flesh of my flesh;
 She shall be called Woman,
 Because she was taken out of Man.”
- 24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
- 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

GENESIS 3
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- NOW** the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
 - 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’ ”
 - 4 The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!
 - 5 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
 - 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
 - 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.
 - 8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

- 9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”
- 10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”
- 11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”
- 12 The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”
- 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
- 14 The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;
- 15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

- 16 To the woman He said,
 “I will greatly multiply
 Your pain in childbirth,
 In pain you will bring forth children;
 Yet your desire will be for your husband,
 And he will rule over you.”
- 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of
your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded
you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;
 Cursed is the ground because of you;
 In toil you will eat of it
 All the days of your life.
- 18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
 And you will eat the plants of the field;
- 19 By the sweat of your face
 You will eat bread,
 Till you return to the ground,
 Because from it you were taken;
 For you are dust,
 And to dust you shall return.”
- 20 Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother
of all *the* living.
- 21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and
clothed them.

- 22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—
- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.
- 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

GENESIS 1–11 AT A GLANCE

	Segment Divisions	Chapter Themes
Author:		1 God created the heavens and the earth in six days
Date:		2 God rested on the 7 th day Creation of man and woman
Purpose:		3
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Key Words:		5
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