

2. Sin Enters the World



Monday

Place #2 picture (tree) on cross

Scripture: Genesis 2:8-3:19, Romans 5:19

6 candles lit before reading

God created people to give Him glory, and He created a perfect place for them—a place that reflected His glory. He gave them everything they could need or want for happiness.

BUT they listened to God's enemy. They didn't believe God's gifts were good enough for them, so they turned their backs on God and lost their perfect place to live and their perfect relationship with God. Now, they were experiencing pain and death for the very first time.

In Genesis we learn about how sin first enters the world:

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed. The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her. And he ate.

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. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

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

To the woman He said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children." To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life."

(Have kids blow out another candle. Do not light again until Easter.)

Even though Adam and Eve were disobedient and allowed sin to enter the world, praise God that Jesus was obedient and made a way for us to be right with God.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man, the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man, the many will be made righteous.

PRAY: God, please forgive us for believing the lies of this world and thank you for providing a way to be forgiven from our sins.