

Zoom Christian Growth Hour, 8/17/2025

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Questions from God

Genesis 3:1-5: Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

NOTE: In Hebrew “you” is plural in verses 1–5; implying the man was present.

- 1) How did the serpent begin his conversation with the woman?
- 2) Was Eve’s response to the serpent correct?
- 3) Why is it important for US to know what God actually says and how can we know it?
- 4) The serpent continues the conversation in verses 4-5. Were the serpent’s statements true or false and what did the serpent imply about God’s character?
- 5) The devil often tempts US to believe something false about God’s character. What are some examples?
- 6) The woman was tricked into sin by believing a lie about God’s character. How can we know God’s true character?

Genesis 3:6-7: So 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. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

- 7) What were the woman’s observations regarding the tree?

8) The pastor of the church where Michele and I met often said, "Don't dally with sin." Dally means "to act playfully, especially in an amorous or flirtatious way." Synonyms: trifle, tease, flirt, to play mockingly. How can dallying with sin lead to our downfall and what can we do about it?

Genesis 3:8-11: And 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 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

9) Why did the man and woman hide?

10) Why was Adam afraid because he was naked (verse 10)?

11) Why did the Lord God call out to the man?

The Lord said to the serpent (3:15): "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

12) What is significant about this passage?

"Though devils all the world should fill,

All eager to devour us,

We tremble not, we fear no ill;

They shall not overpow'r us.

This world's prince may still

Scowl fierce as he will,

He can harm us none.

He's judged; the deed is done!

One little word can fell him." -Martin Luther, *circa* 1527

Closing Prayer