

## DECIDING TO DISOBEY

**Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6**

**Introduction:** Almost nobody ever thinks about how people got here, never goes back to how things got started in the first place. All of us just go back to our own family "tree" and while in school we learn about the history of our country. We just don't give any thought as to why things are as they are, we just try to adjust and live like everybody else. There is a reason people are like they are today and the world is as it is and God's Word tells us very clearly what happened.

### **1. God made all things and created a man and woman, putting them into a special place called the Garden of Eden and man and woman walked daily with God.**

- Today things are different for people are dead to the things and person of God.
- People who are not Christians are not aware of God nor respond to Godly things for they are living by their birth nature, called the Old Sin Nature, the "normal" way people have been since the first two fell from God in the Garden.

### **2. Sin came into the world through the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden.**

- God put the first couple in a perfect environment and all was perfect, but seeing things as they are today something dreadful has happened.
- Sin came into the perfect world God created and has brought all that we see and know today that is so bad and wrong.
- Sin is disobedience of God's will. The first couple chose to disobey God and ever since then everyone else has chosen to do the same thing. People choose to sin.

### **3. Satan originated sin.**

- Satan appeared in the perfect environment God had created with a purpose in mind.
- Satan had been created by God and placed in an exalted position, called Lucifer, a prince of the angels.
  - Pride led Lucifer/Satan to self-exaltation and he rebelled against God, wanting to take God's place.
  - He said, "I will....I will...I will..." and rebelled against God's will.

### **4. Satan came to the Garden of Eden to deceive and to tempt the first couple to leave God.**

- Satan appeared in the Garden of Eden to pull the first couple away from God.
  - Satan's purpose has not changed from that time.
- Satan works at leading everybody away from God.
  - Satan is subtle, quiet, sneaky, not open acts.
    - He causes discontent, seeks to discredit God, works through the human body to reach the soul of every person.
    - He makes insinuations, gives lies, works on the intellect, emotions and the human will.

### **5. Satan accomplished what he wanted with the first couple.**

- He got them to do what he wanted and every time he appears to anyone, he/she will say "yes or no."
  - God made everyone free to choose, stay in God's will or not to.
  - Spiritual death occurred when the first couple went against God's will, then came physical death.
- Satan has ways of closing our ears and eyes to the things of God.

- Sin destroys people's ability to know God and the first couple were forced from God's presence.

**6. What the first couple did in the Garden of Eden has affected the entire human race.**

- Every single person born is born with the sinful nature the first couple started, therefore, everyone sins.
- There are different "degrees" of sin, but nevertheless, everyone sins sooner or later.
- The sinful cannot produce clean, non-sinful beings.

**7. The first family set the pattern of behavior for the whole human race.**

- Disobedience to God, passing the blame, even murder occurred within the very first family.
- Discontent, jealousy, greed, suspicion, hate, revenge, all started with the first family.
- What is wrong with people today started with the first family.

**8. What the first couple did in the Garden of Eden has effected the physical planet, our world.**

- Not only were the first couple separated from God, they were removed from the perfect place, the Garden of Eden but God put a curse on the entire earth, weather wise, vegetation wise, animal wise, and of course all people.

**9. What happened in the Garden of Eden effected God also.**

- The disobedience of the first couple hurt God more than it did them.
- Sin began in heaven and those guilty were punished by God.
- All sin must be punished, even those whom God loves so much, for His holiness demands that every single sin be punished.
- Think about it - one man, the first man disobeyed God and brought sin to the following human race.
  - Another man, obeyed God and brought salvation to the entire human race.

**10. God has promised that one day Satan and sin will be done with and cast away forever.**

- There are countless people who could care less what God has done and is doing and will do, for they are still under the influence of Satan and sin.
- One day, God will end things as they have been since the first couple and will do away with Satan and sin forever and make all things new again.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. There are countless people through the ages from the time of the first couple who never cared about the things of God and have been kept deaf and blinded by Satan and his influence.
2. However, there are many who have been freed from Satan's hold and influence by God's intervention and their being willing to listen and turn to God in faith.
3. God made an entire nation devoted to Him through a single man, Abraham. God then sent His own Son, Jesus, to become everybody/anybody's way to freedom from Satan and to even be given a new life.
4. It all started in a perfect place by two perfectly created people when they decided to listen to Satan and disobey God. People have been doing that ever since and that's why our world is as it is today.