

## THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON THE EARTH

The book Genesis is a book of beginnings. It tells us beginnings of the heavens, earth, vegetation, animals, birds, fish, man, marriage, languages and the origin of sin on earth. The book of Genesis is a relevant book for our needs today. It answers many of the questions that man is asking. It answers where man came from and why he suffers today. It also reveals that God made everything good. That includes the first human beings, Adam and Eve. Everything on earth was good and wonderful but then something bad and tragic happened. *“And the LORD God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die”* (Genesis 2:16,17). Man fell for Satan’s deceptive tactics (Genesis 3) and violated God’s command. Adam and Eve listened to Satan and allowed sin to come into their life. Satan tempted Adam and Eve with a lie and they believed it, *“you shall not surely die”* (Genesis 3:4).

Adam and Eve learned the hard way. They listened to Satan and became sinners. They heard a lie, believed a lie and obeyed a lie. They turned their back to God and disobeyed His commandment. Stop and consider the change in their lives because of sin, they felt guilt (3:8), fear (3:10), shame (3:7), death (3:16), separation (3:23-24), subjection (3:16), sorrow (3:16) and servile toil (3:17,19). They would suffer the consequences of their transgression and be cast out of the garden. Satan did not tell them that he would control their life if they listened to him. Satan did not tell them that sin would separate them from God and all His goodness. Satan did not reveal how sin would ruin their life...and eternity. Nor does he reveal these things today. But we can learn these lessons from the book of Genesis.

The New Testament makes reference to the origin of sin in Romans 5:12-21 *“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Every person is tempted to commit sin but being tempted does not make you a bad person. Even Jesus, when He was on earth, was tempted by Satan. The difference was, Jesus did not listen to Satan’s temptation. Jesus did not sin even though he was tempted to do so

Jesus was the only person ever born who did not commit sin. The good is, that although you and I are tempted to commit things against the will and law of God, we can overcome Satan's temptations. *"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted. "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death"* (James 1:12-15). Sin causes a lot of problems for our human family. There is nothing good that can be said about sin. Satan is the origin of sin. He tempts us by appealing to the "lust" of our flesh, "lust" of our eyes and the pride of life.

The book of Genesis also reveals the hope for man's sin in Genesis 3:15 *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel"*. Christ would come from the seed of woman to take away the sins of mankind. *"And she will bring for a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us"* (Matthew 1:21-23). Our Savior came from heaven and took on the form of flesh to live His life on this earth. He was tempted by Satan through the same avenues we are tempted, but was faithful to His Father. His heel was bruised when he suffered the death on the cross. He bruised Satan's head when He rose from the dead. *"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold. I am alive forevermore, Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death"* (Revelation 1:18). Again in the book of Revelation reveals the remedy of sin. *"And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood"* (Revelation 1:5). Thank God for the blood and the death of our Savior which allows us to live again.

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