

Genesis



Part 5

Paradise Lost

Genesis 3

What Genesis tells us about God and life.

Life in Paradise



What Happened? Genesis 3

1. THE NATURE OF TEMPTATION

The Tree of Life was a real tree that had real fruit, and it was the antidote against death.

It symbolizes our dependence on God for everything we need pertaining to Life.

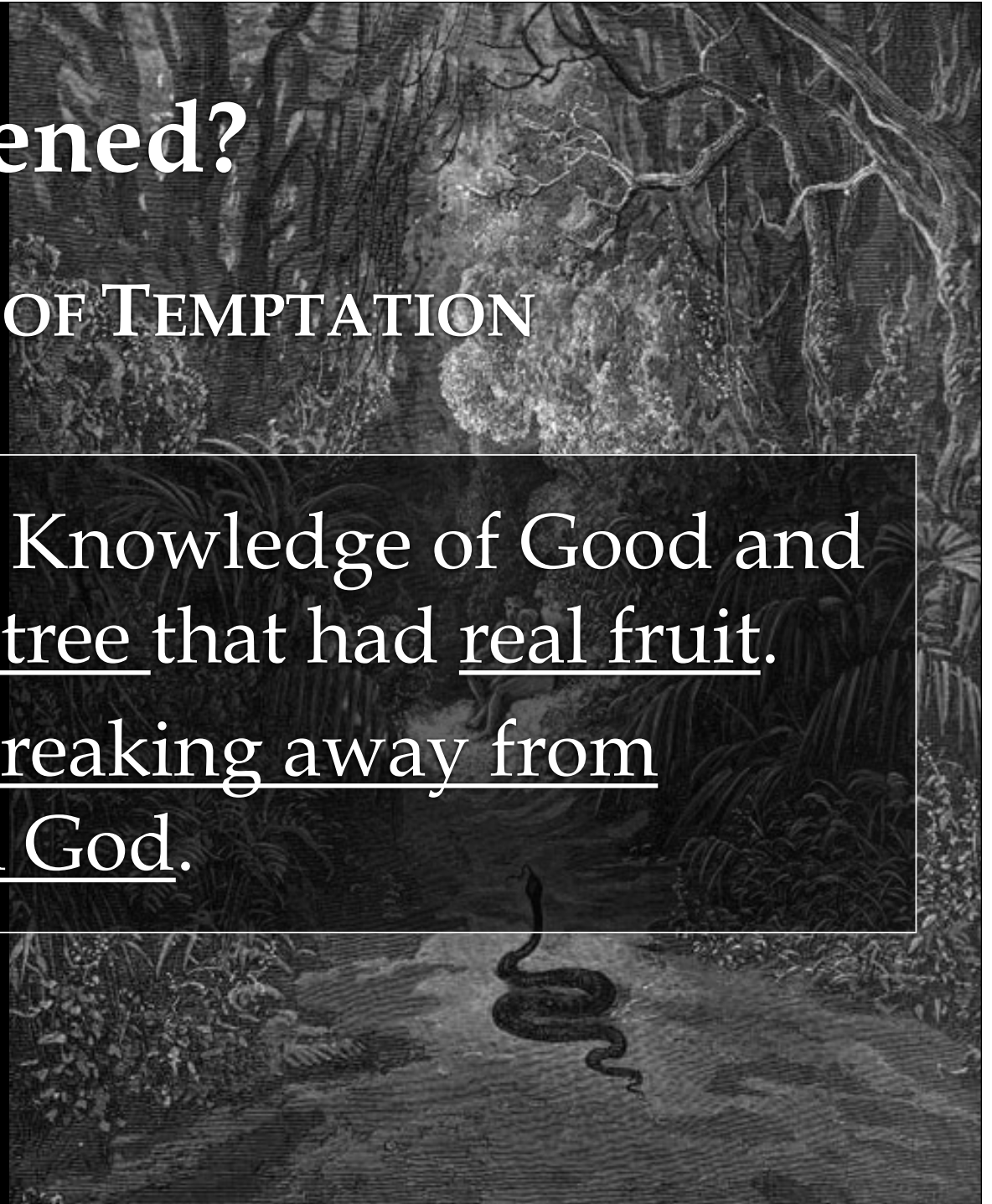
John 15:5 & 6

What Happened?

1. THE NATURE OF TEMPTATION

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was a real tree that had real fruit.

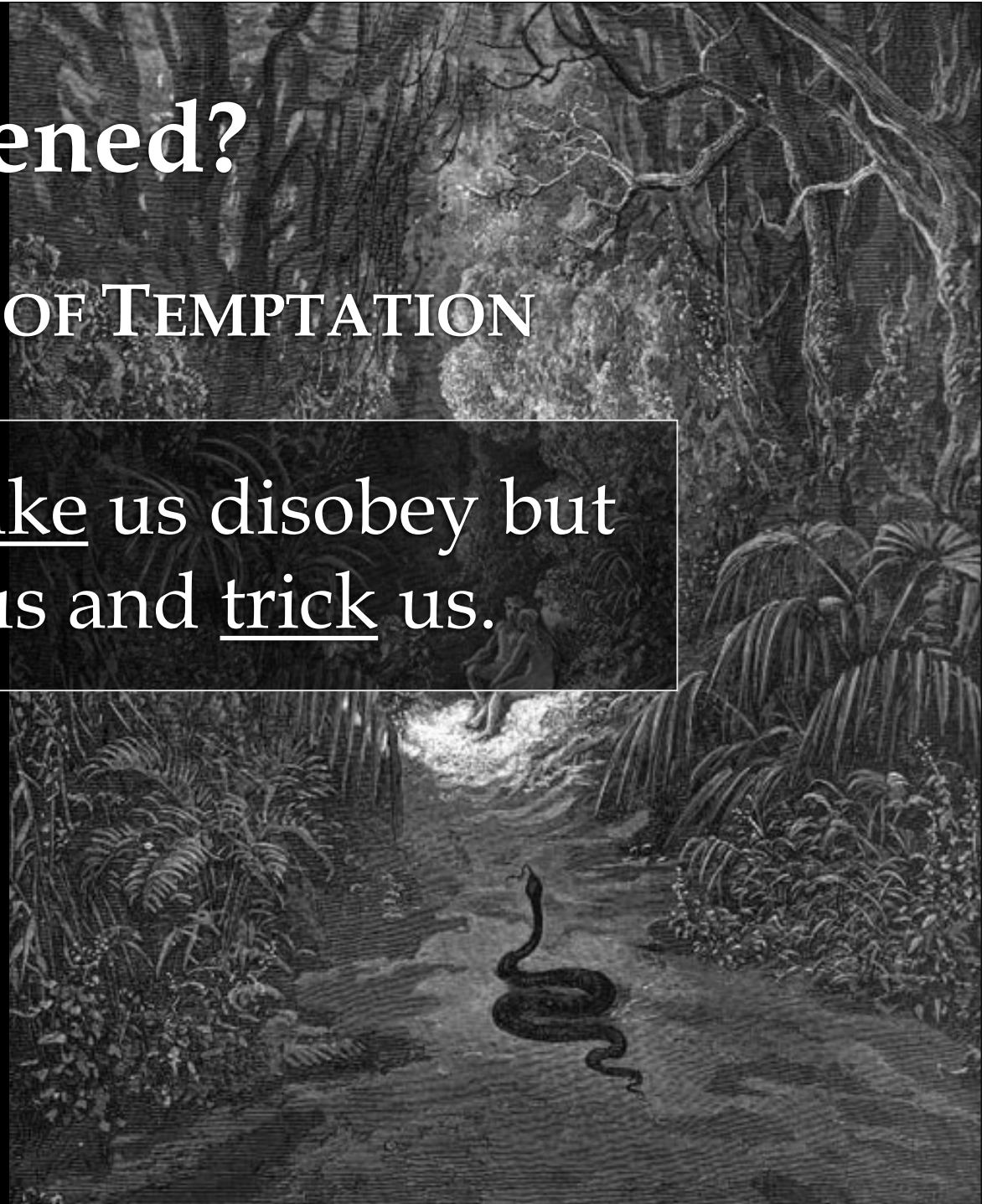
It symbolizes breaking away from dependence on God.



What Happened?

1. THE NATURE OF TEMPTATION

Satan can't make us disobey but he can entice us and trick us.

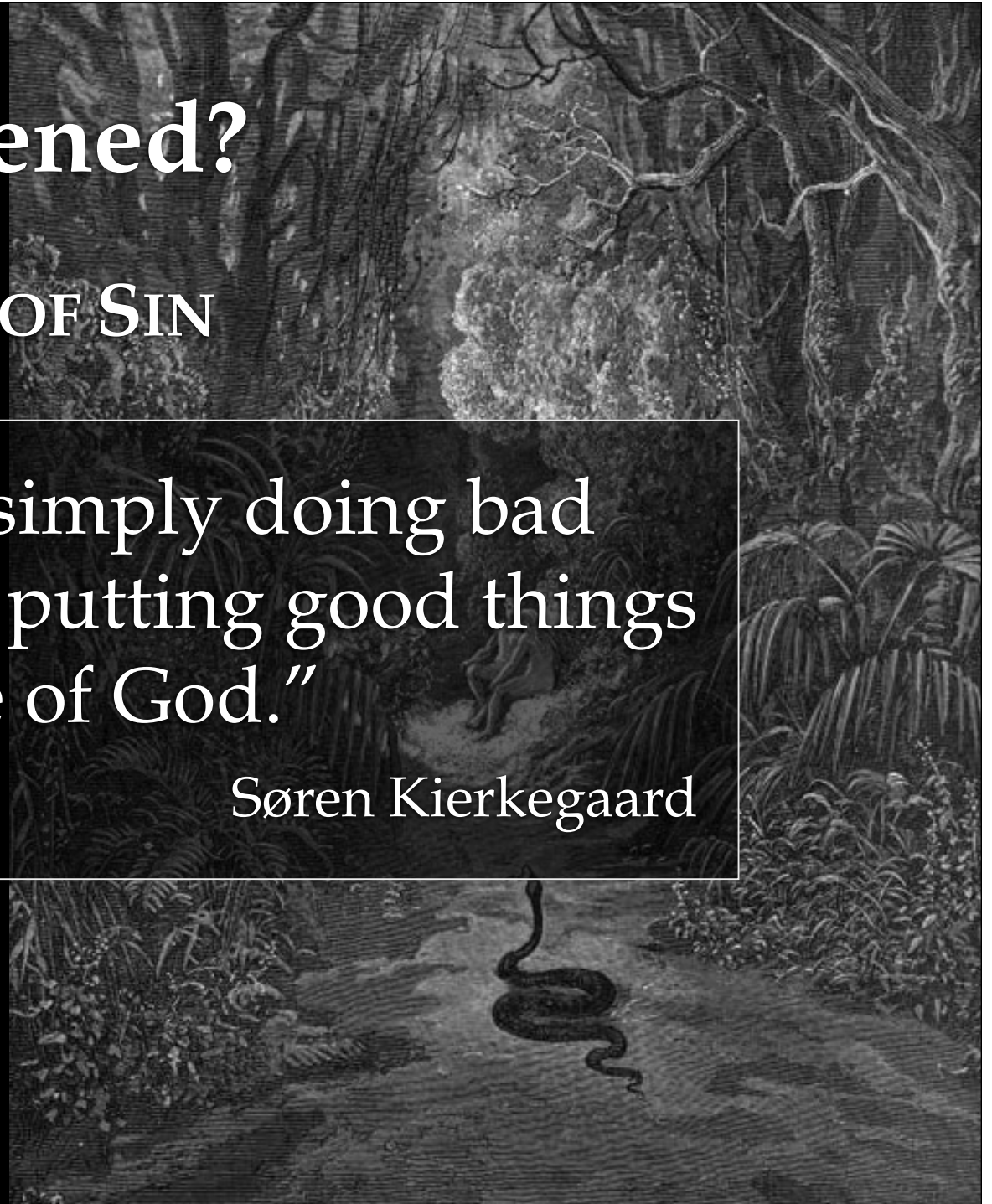


What Happened?

2. THE NATURE OF SIN

“Sin is not simply doing bad things, it is putting good things in the place of God.”

Søren Kierkegaard



Eric Liddell



Harold Abrahams

Jeremiah 2:13

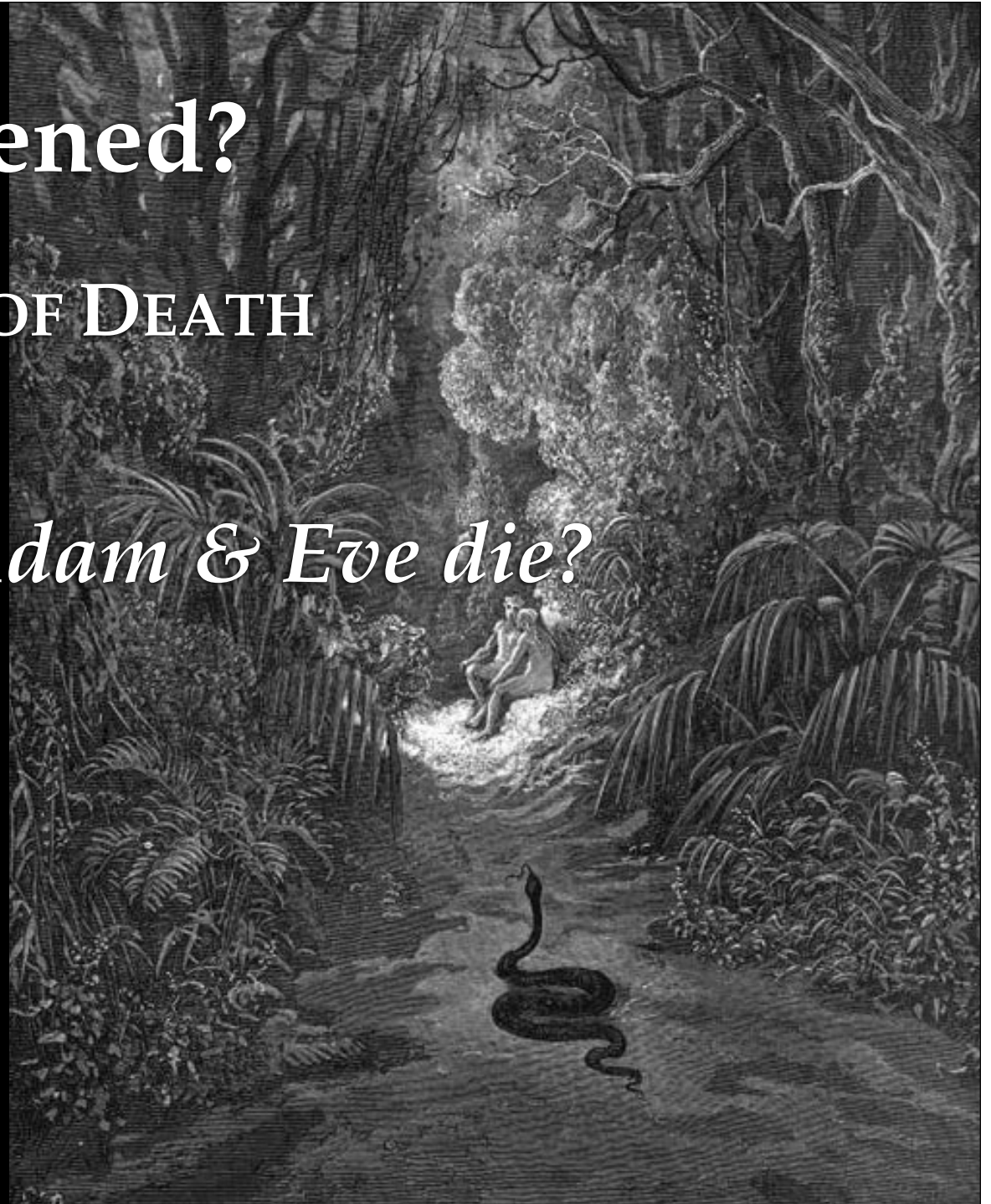
“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”



What Happened?

3. THE NATURE OF DEATH

When did Adam & Eve die?



Genesis 3:6 & 7

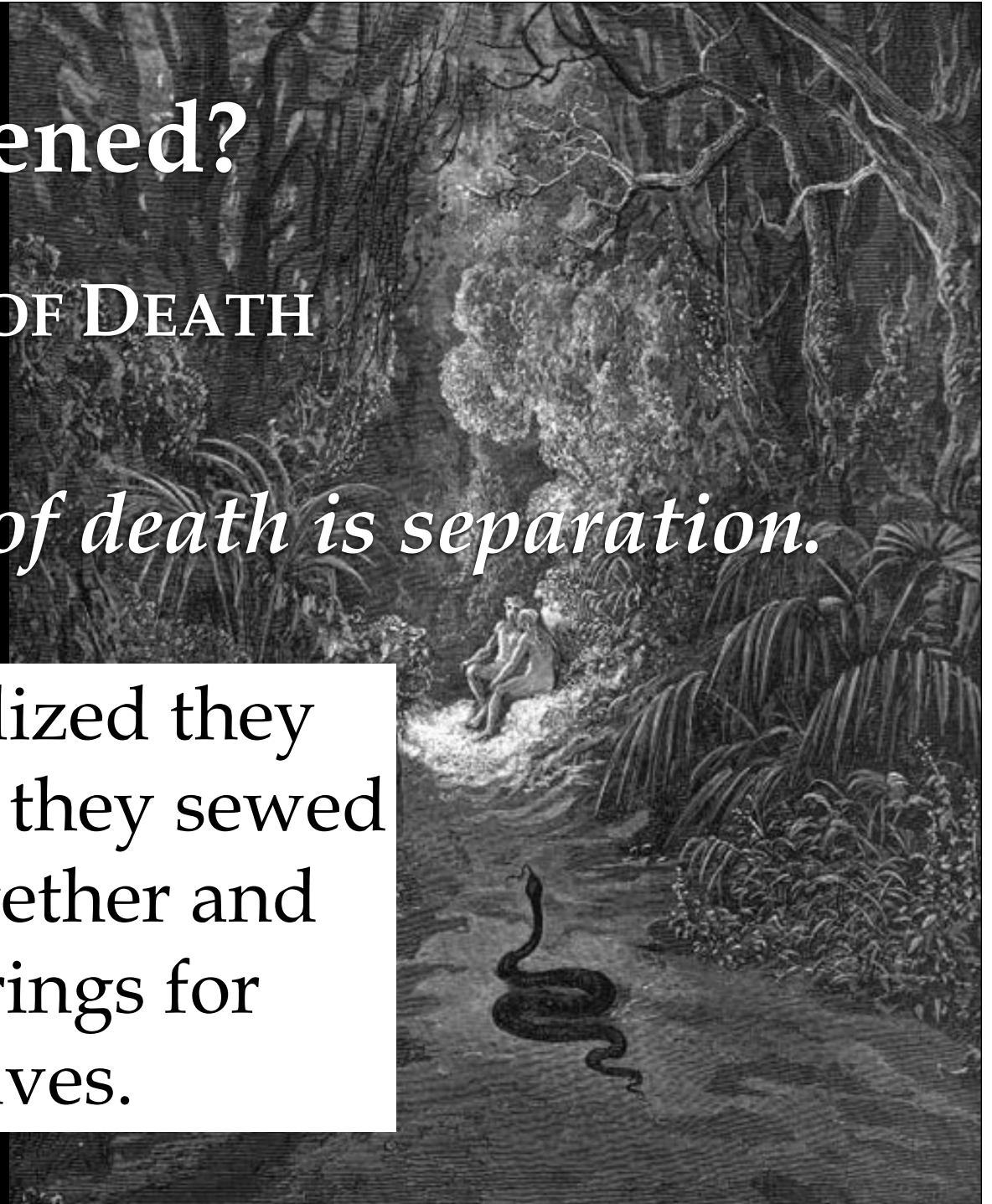
⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

What Happened?

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The essence of death is separation.

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What Happened?

3. THE NATURE OF DEATH

The essence of death is separation.

⁸ . . . they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

¹⁰ “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

James 1:14 & 15

¹⁴ . . . each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Romans 5:12

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to *everyone*, for *everyone* sinned. (NLT)





What Can *WE* Do to Fit It?
NOTHING!

²³ So the LORD God *banished* him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he *drove the man out*, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:23 & 24





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¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil – the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our flesh. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

Ephesians 2:1 - 3 NLT

“Can we doubt that presently our race will more than realize our boldest imaginations, that it will achieve unity and peace, and that our children will live in a world made more splendid and lovely than any palace or garden that we know, going on from strength to strength in an ever-widening circle of achievement? What man has done, the little triumphs of his present state . . . form but the prelude to the things that man has yet to do.”



(H. G. Wells, *A Short History of the World*, 1937)

“The cold-blooded massacres of the defenseless, the return of deliberate and organized torture, mental torment, and fear to a world from which such things had seemed well nigh banished — has come near to breaking my spirit altogether . . . ‘Homo Sapiens,’ as he has been pleased to call himself, is played out.”



(H. G. Wells, *A Mind at the End of Its Tether*, 1946)



What Can *WE* Do to Fit It? NOTHING!

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers; *he will
crush your head*, and you will strike his heel.

Genesis 3:15

For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought
death to many. But even greater is God's
wonderful grace and his *gift of forgiveness* to
many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15

