



Part 5

Paradise Lost

Genesis 3

LIFE IN PARADISE

WHAT HAPPENED?

1. THE NATURE OF TEMPTATION

The Tree of Life was a _____ that had _____,
and it was the _____.

It symbolizes _____ for everything we
need pertaining to Life.

John 15:5 & 6 –⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was a _____
that had _____.

It symbolizes _____ dependence
on God.

Satan can't _____ us disobey but he *can* _____ us and _____ us.

2 Corinthians 2:14 – Satan disguises himself as an angel of light . . .

Ephesians 6:11 – Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

2. THE NATURE OF SIN

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

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.”

3. THE NATURE OF DEATH

When did Adam & Eve die?

Genesis 3:6 – 10 –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.

⁸ 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. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “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 FIX IT? _____ !

Genesis 3:23 & 24 –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.

Ephesians 2:1 – 3 –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. (NLT)

Genesis 3:15 – And 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.

Romans 5:15 – 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