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Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-9

**And the Lord God commanded the man,
“You are free to eat from any tree in the
garden; but you must not eat from the
tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for
when you eat from it you will certainly
die.”**

Genesis 2:16-17

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

Genesis 3:1-9

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

Genesis 3:1-9

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:1-9

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.

Genesis 3:1-9

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.

Genesis 3:1-9

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

Genesis 3:1-9

Khata (Hebrew)

To miss the mark.

Hamartia (Greek)

To come up short or take the wrong road.

What is the Reality of Sin?

Why is it important that we answer
this question correctly?

“Why is it that people can become emotionally and morally indignant over poverty and exploitation and prejudice and abortion and the infractions of religious liberty and the manifold injustices of man against man . . .

...and yet feel little, or no, remorse or indignation or outrage that God is disregarded, disbelieved, disobeyed, dishonored, and thus belittled, by millions and millions of people in the world? And the answer is: sin.”

John Piper

“Sinning is any feeling or thought or speech or action that comes from a heart that does not treasure God over all other things . . .

...Sin is our preference for anything over God. Sin is our disapproval of God. Sin is our exchange of his glory for substitutes. Sin is our suppression of the truth of God. Sin is our heart's hostility to God. It is who we are to the bottom of our hearts."

John Piper (Defining Sin)

“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.”

Romans 1:25



**“Is the law sinful? Certainly not!
Nevertheless, I would not have known
what sin was had it not been for the law.
For I would not have known what coveting
really was if the law had not said, ‘You
shall not covet.’”**

Romans 7:7

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.”

Matthew 5:21-22

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control...

**... brutal, not lovers of the good,
treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of
pleasure rather than lovers of God—
having a form of godliness but denying its
power.”**

2 Timothy 3:3–5

What is the Result of Sin?

Why is it important that we answer
this question correctly?

“Sin is a malignant tumor that destroys relationships, all relationships.”

Timothy Keller

“Sin is a fundamental relationship; it is not wrong doing, it is wrong being, deliberate and emphatic independence of God. The Christian religion bases everything on the positive, radical nature of sin. Other religions deal with sins; the Bible alone deals with sin . . .

...The first thing Jesus Christ faced in men was the heredity of sin, and it is because we have ignored this in our presentation of the Gospel that the message of the Gospel has lost its sting and its blasting power.”

Oswald Chambers

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 3:23

What is the Result of Sin?

Why is it important that we answer
this question correctly?

“Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; . . .

**...but I see another law at work in me,
waging war against the law of my mind
and making me a prisoner of the law of
sin at work within me.”**

Romans 7:20–23

**“The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.”**

Psalm 103:8

“Jesus didn’t come to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive.”

Ravi Zacharias

“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Romans 7:24–25

“For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! . . .

... Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.”

Romans 5:17-18

“We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:20–21

Religion:

"I messed up. My Dad is gonna kill me."

Gospel:

"I messed up. I need to call my Dad."



Communion

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE

A photograph showing several pairs of hands clasped together in prayer, resting on a wooden table. The hands are of various skin tones, suggesting a diverse group of people. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a peaceful and intimate atmosphere. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hands.

Caring & Prayer

Following the 10:45 Service