

The **Big** Story Of The Bible

Finding Jesus In The Old Testament

Part 3: The Fall: A Sneer, A Lie & A Joke

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!
Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:9 (NLT)

The Lord God commanded him, "You may eat the fruit from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat the fruit from the tree which gives the knowledge of good and evil. If you ever eat fruit from that tree, you will die!"
Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)

The Fall Is A Story About:

1. ...A -----.

* The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" Genesis 3:1 (NLT)

* Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.
2 Corinthians 2:11 (NLT)

* Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.
Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

2. ...A -----.

* "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."
Genesis 3:2-5 (NLT)

*** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)**

*** We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (MES)**

3. ...A -----

*** The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. Genesis 3:6-7 (NLT)**

*** I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. One of her descendants will crush your head, and you will bite his heel. Genesis 3:15 (NLT)**

*** And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. Genesis 3:21 (NLT)**

*** God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets. Colossians 2:13-15 (MES)**

Next Week's Reading:

**Cain & Abel-
The History Of The World In A Nushell
Genesis Chapter 4**