

Encounters with God

Adam & Eve - Genesis 3



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— who —
pursues
sinners

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3 “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.’”

4 “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman.

5 “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.”

6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the

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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.

7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.

9 Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

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12 The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”

13 Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

14 Then the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

15 And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”



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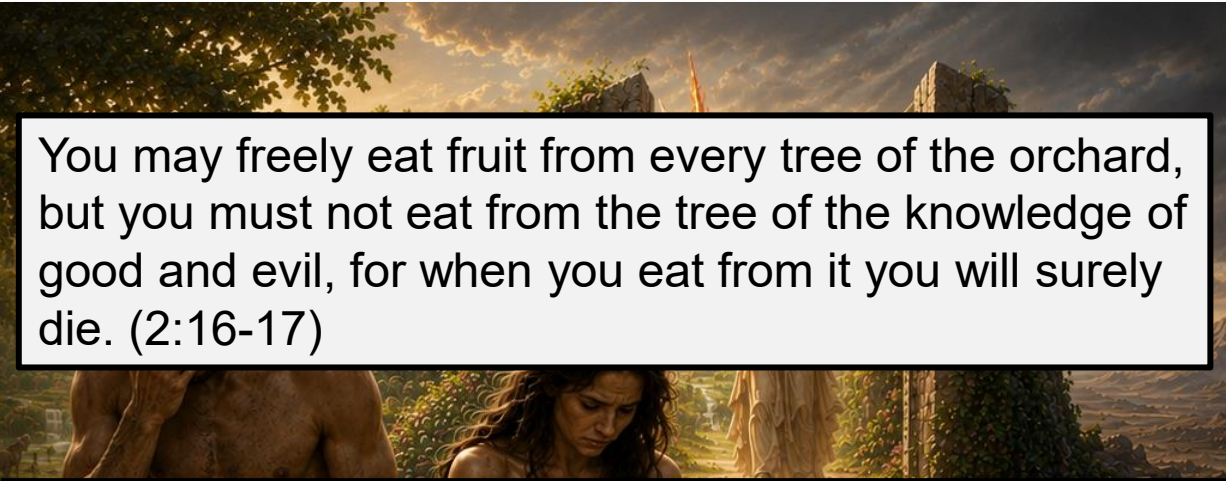
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You may freely eat fruit from every tree of the orchard, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will surely die. (2:16-17)

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

GOD'S JUST JUDGEMENT ON ADAM AND EVE

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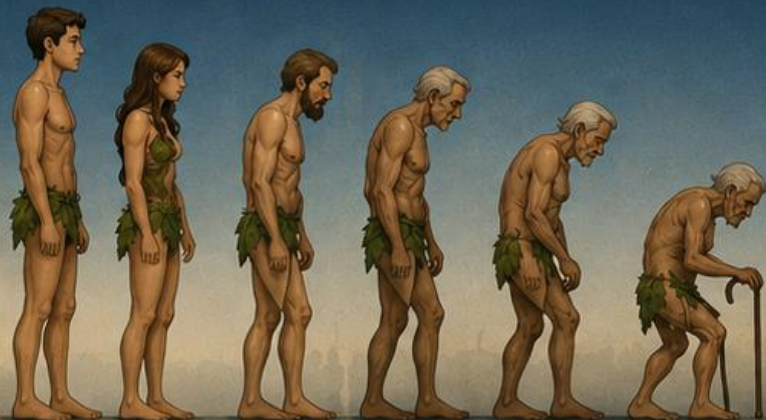
They experienced instant alienation and broken fellowship with God. This spiritual death manifested itself through immediate shame, guilt, and the desire to hide from their Creator.



2

INEVITABLE PHYSICAL DECAY

Their rebellion put an immediate end to their trajectory of living eternally with God. The physical aging process and bodily corruption began that very day, serving as a progressive sentence that made their ultimate physical death and return to dust inevitable.



FROM IMMORTALITY

TO MORTALITY

3

JUDICIAL BANISHMENT

They were legally cut off from the Tree of Life and driven from the garden. This judicial execution of the curse permanently barred them and their descendants from the source of life, guaranteeing their mortality.



Cut off from the Tree of Life, guaranteed return to dust.

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You die in Adam and live in Christ

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