



THE BEGINNING
THE BEGINNING OF TEMPTATION & SIN
GENESIS 3:1-7

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1. Learn _____
(vv. 1-5)

Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)
3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

2. Never _____
(vv. 1-5)

3. See _____
(vv. 6-7)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Colossians 2:13-15.** While our text in Genesis will certainly help us in our fight against temptation, how does this passage remind us that we are ultimately helpless apart from the work of Christ?
2. What are some of the temptations you know you are likely to encounter this week? What are some specific Scriptures that will help you think clearly and biblically in the face of those temptations?
- 3. Read James 1:16-18.** What are some of the “good gifts” you can remind yourself of this week when you are tempted? Even if you are in a trial, how will you remind yourself of God’s constant goodness?
4. Review the temptations you are likely to face this week. How do each of these temptations undermine the character and goodness of God? How can you directly counter these lies of the enemy?
- 5. Read Matthew 7:24-27.** Disobedience leads to disaster, but obeying Jesus’ words leads to stability. How have you seen both aspects of this reality prove true in your own life? How does that strengthen your confidence in the truth of God’s Word?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Respectable Sins*. NavPress, 2007.

Chester, Tim. *You Can Change*. Crossway, 2010.

Lambert, Heath. *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace*. Zondervan, 2013.

Owen, John. *The Mortification of Sin*. Banner of Truth, abridged edition, 2004.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would see more people put their faith in the only one who can ultimately deliver us from the evil one.

Pray that we would know God’s Word and trust God’s goodness.

Pray for Compass North Texas, which launched just north of Dallas in August.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
10/16	Proverbs 7-9	Titus 3
10/17	Proverbs 10-12	Philemon
10/18	Proverbs 13-15	Hebrews 1
10/19	Proverbs 16-18	Hebrews 2
10/20	Proverbs 19-21	Hebrews 3
10/21	Proverbs 22-23	Hebrews 4