## The Temptation and Fall of Man Genesis 3:1-7

## Main Point:

Since you have become a covenant-breaker in Adam, you need Jesus Christ because He makes you a covenant-keeper in Him.

1. God entered into a covenant relationship with you through Adam.

2. Satan tempted Adam to break this covenant relationship.

3. Adam gave in to the temptation and made you a covenant-breaker with him.

4. But Jesus perfectly resisted temptation to make you a covenant-keeper in Him.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

Hosea 6:7 7 But like Adam they transgressed the covenant ... (ESV)

**J.G. Vos** "The tree of life symbolized not merely the life that man already possessed, but the highest kind of life to which man could ever attain; it symbolized what is called in the New Testament 'eternal life.'"

**Revelation 12:9** <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world ... (NKJV)

**R. Kent Hughes** "According to the serpent, the threat of death was nothing more than a scare tactic to keep Adam and Eve in their place. God was repressive, and obviously jealous that they might ascend too high."

**Derek Kidner** "The pattern of sin runs right through the act, for Eve listened to a creature instead of the Creator, followed her impressions against her instructions, and made self-fulfillment her goal."

Richard Belcher "Sin leads to guilt, shame, and the loss of transparency."

**R. Kent Hughes** "Everything was upside-down. Eve followed the snake, Adam followed Eve, and no one followed God. The result was seismic ..."

**Romans 5:12** <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--(NKJV)

**Hebrews 4:15** <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. (NKJV)

**RP Testimony I.5** "In the fullness of time God brought forth His Son, born of a virgin, of the seed of David. He obeyed the Covenant of Life [Works] on behalf of His people ..."

**Romans 5:18** <sup>18</sup> Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. (NKJV)

**Isaiah 55:7** <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. (NKJV)