

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.

Hosea 6:7⁷ 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 12:9⁹ 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 5:12¹² 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 4:15¹⁵ 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 5:18¹⁸ 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 55:7⁷ 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)