

# ORIGINS SERIES

## THE ORIGINS OF SIN

### GENESIS 3:1-6



#### THE CAUSE OF SIN Genesis 3:1-6 (KJV):

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

#### In this message we saw three key steps:

1. *A Devilish Question* (vv. 1-3) - Satan subtly twisted God's clear command and planted doubt ("Hath God said?"). Eve even added to God's word ("neither shall ye touch it").
2. *A Damning Consideration* (vv. 4-5) - Satan directly contradicted God ("Ye shall not surely die") and appealed to pride ("ye shall be as gods").
3. *A Devastating Conclusion* (v. 6) - Eve saw the tree as good for food (lust of the flesh), pleasant to the eyes (lust of the eyes), and desired to make one wise (pride of life). She ate, and Adam followed.

**Key truth:** Temptation often begins with a small question that leads to a lie we consider, then a choice we regret. Satan still uses this exact pattern today. We must guard our minds, speak God's Word accurately, and obey quickly.

#### Application Question #1

In verses 1-3, the serpent asks a subtle question and Eve adds to God's command. How can our family recognize and stop "Hath God said...?" moments when doubts or small changes to God's Word creep into our thoughts or conversations?

#### Application Question #2

In verses 4-5, Satan lies ("Ye shall not surely die") and appeals to becoming "as gods." Where do we see the temptation to be our own god (deciding right and wrong ourselves) in family decisions, media, or personal choices?

#### Application Question #3

Verse 6 shows the three-fold temptation (good for food, pleasant to the eyes, desired to make one wise). Which of these three areas most often tempts you or our family, and why?

#### Application Question #4

How can we practically help each other resist the pattern of: question → lie → disobedience this week (using Jesus' example in Matthew 4)?

#### Application Question #5

Knowing how quickly one small choice led to devastation in verse 6, what one specific step will our family take to obey God's Word more quickly and accurately?