

**Victoria Fellowship Church**  
**International & Interdenominational**  
**Bible Study Worksheet – January 21, 2024**

**Theme:** The Foundation of the Christian Faith      **Topic:** Sin and its Consequences

**Main Text:** Genesis 3:1-24

**Key verse:** Genesis 3:24: “<sup>24</sup> So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

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**INTRODUCTION:** Why do you do sin? You sin when you give in to temptation. Temptation is the enticement to see sin as good. That is how Satan got Adam and Eve to sin. God had given Adam clear instructions not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But Satan tempted Eve in four ways. First, Eve was vulnerable in her thinking which is an indication of unbelief. Second, Satan questioned what God said. Third, Satan lied to the woman by saying that she would “not surely die.” Fourth, Satan tempted the woman by suggesting that God’s command was unfair. Eve listened and then also persuaded Adam. They both sinned, disobeying God’s instruction. Their sin was more than just eating fruit. It was about defining what was good and evil on their own, rather than allowing God to decide what is good and evil. They wanted to be in charge instead of God. This first sin is called the fall, when both Adam and Eve and all humans after them (except Jesus), became separated from God by sin (Rom 5:12).

1. **Read Genesis 2:17; 3:6-8; Eph 2:1-3; Isa 59:2; James 1:15 (a) What is sin, where did sin come from? (b) Think about a sin you succumbed to recently. What were the conditions/thought pattern that made you vulnerable at the time? How did the sin look good? Did you forget, ignore, or reject God’s instructions? (c) What are some ways people today try to decide right and wrong apart from God?**

Remember how temptation makes sin seem good? The good feeling does not last. Sin might give temporary pleasure, but the pleasure quickly turns into much greater pain. Adam and Eve’s sin led to death, both spiritual and physical (Gen. 2:17). They eventually died physically (Gen. 5:5), but spiritual death began immediately. They ceased to be the perfect images of God they were designed to be. First, their morality was polluted as they felt awful guilt and shame over their sin. Second, their relational design was damaged as they no longer felt safe with each other or with God. Third, their position as rulers was harmed, as nature would no longer submit to human care. In the end, when we sin, we fail to accomplish our purpose as people made in God’s image. We were made to live for His honor, but when we sin, we live for ourselves. Adam and Eve would not even honour God by rightly confessing their sin. Even though God gave them the opportunity to repent, they refused to confess and instead blamed others. Sin certainly is a killer.

2. **(a) When we sin, what does it do to our relationship with God (Isa 59:2)? (b) Read Rom 5:12, 17; Psa. 51:5; Gal 5:17-20; What are the consequences of sin? List some painful things. (c) How do the previous questions help us to better understand suffering in the world?**

Sin has painful consequences. God judged Adam and Eve’s sin with a curse. First, God cursed the serpent. He cursed the animal that had become Satan’s tool and Satan himself who had appeared as a serpent. Second, God judged the woman. She would find pain in the place where she should have found her greatest joy—in her role as mother and wife. In marriage, she would be tempted to control her husband instead of submitting to him, and her husband would be tempted to control and use her instead of loving her. Third, God judged the man by cursing the ground. Work was a blessing Adam enjoyed before the fall, but now work would be hard, painful, less productive, and end in death. Because of Adam’s sin, all creation suffers (Rom 8:20). Yet even in punishing, God was gracious: the woman could still have children, marriage would still exist, and the ground would still produce food. God is just, but He is also kind.

3. **(a) Adam’s sin caused harm to many other people. Think of some ways our sin can harm others? (b) Read 1 John 1:8–9; Col 1:16-17, 27; When you sin, where do you turn for help? When life is hard, what do you put your hope in? (c) Read Gen. 3:15; Jn 1: 29; Gal 4:4-5; Adam believed God’s promise of salvation. What do you believe?**

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**Prayer:** *Father, we thank you for our Savior Jesus who has broken the power of sin and death. Please help us to put our faith in Him that we have eternal life in His name. Amen*

