

A SNAKE IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Genesis, Chapters 2 and 3.

LESSON 2 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Beloved, follow not that which is evil" (III John 11).

Everything God Made Was Good

God saw that everything He had made was very good; and then He rested on the seventh day and blessed it.

The Beautiful Garden

God prepared a beautiful garden for Adam and for those who would be with him. He gave them trees that had good fruit, lovely flowers for them to enjoy, vegetables for their food, and many other good things. He told Adam that he might eat of all the fruit except from one of the trees. If they ate that fruit they would surely die. He told them that they should not even touch that tree.

God said it was not good for Adam to be alone; so when Adam was asleep God took one of Adam's ribs and made a woman to be his wife.

A Snake in the Garden

There were animals in that garden, and God told Adam to give them names. Not all snakes are poisonous, but there was one snake in that garden that was very bad. One day it told Eve that she need not be afraid to eat of the fruit of a certain tree. He said that the fruit would make her know everything as God did. Eve made a terrible mistake when she listened to the snake. When she looked at the fruit and saw it was very good, and believed what the snake said instead of what God said, she wanted it. She ate it and also gave her husband some of it.

Adam and Eve Were Afraid

Sometimes God walked in the lovely garden and talked with Adam and Eve. No doubt they were glad to have Him with them. But after they had eaten that fruit, when they heard God's voice they were afraid and tried to hide from God. God called them. They were ashamed to come to Him. God asked them if they had eaten the fruit He told them not to eat, and they said they had. Eve blamed it to the snake, and Adam blamed it to Eve. When a person has done wrong he tries to blame it on someone else.

They Were Driven from the Garden

God told Adam and Eve that because they had disobeyed Him they were no longer fit to live in that holy garden and be with Him. He sent them out of the garden and set an angel to guard the gate.

Adam and Eve did a terrible thing when they disobeyed God; for that brought sin, sickness, and death into the whole world and to all people. When we do wrong things we nearly always cause someone else to do wrong, too.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did God place man in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:15.
2. Could man eat of ever tree in the Garden? Genesis 2:17.
3. How did the animals get their names? Genesis 2: 19, 20.
4. What did the serpent say to Eve? Genesis 3: 4, 5.
5. Why did Adam hide from God? Genesis 3:10.
6. Why are there thorns and thistles? Genesis 3:17, 18.