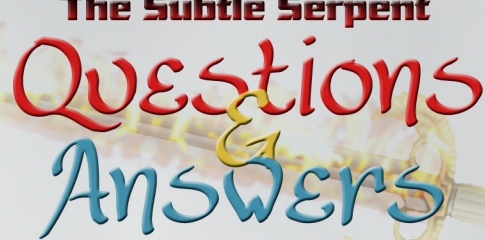


## The Subtle Serpent

# Questions & Answers



### **How do we know that Satan was the serpent?**

There are many references in different parts of the Bible that talks about Satan being the serpent: Ezekiel 28:13, Revelation 12: 9, 12:15, 20:2, 2 Corinthians 11:13, and Revelation 12:9.

### **Why was Adam and Eve naked?**

God originally created humans to not wear clothes. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, they felt shame and had to cover themselves. Because the original creation was changed due to sin, it now is a shame for any of us to not wear any clothes.

### **Did Satan, the serpent, really lie to Eve?**

Satan actually didn't lie completely, but told Eve half-truths. That's one of Satan's best tactics for tricking us, so we need to watch out for it. Usually Satan doesn't try to trick us with full out lies, but tells half lies and half-truths to confuse us. We need to read our Bibles and pray to stay close to God so we will be able to tell if it's Satan talking to us or God.

### **Could Adam and Eve understand the animals in the Garden of Eden?**

It could very easily be that animals and humans could talk to each other in the Garden of Eden. Eve didn't seem too surprised that an animal suddenly started to talk to her. Even today many animals are able to understand humans, they just do not have the right vocal chords in order to speak our language.

### **Did God lie when He said Adam and Eve would die if they ate the forbidden fruit?**

It may seem like God really did lie, since He told Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Nothing happened to them right away. That is how sin is in life, though. We sin and nothing bad happens to us right away, so we keep doing it. Adam and Eve actually died twice after eating the fruit. First, they died spiritually, and eventually, their bodies decayed and they died physically. Adam and Eve were originally created to live forever.

### **What happens when we sin?**

All sin leads to death. That is why Jesus gave His life and died for us, so we wouldn't have to die. But if we don't accept Jesus as our Savior, we are still going toward eternal death.

### **What is God's plan to save us from the curse of death and bring us back Home to Him?**

The Bible says that the wages of sin is death. None of us are perfect and have sinned one way or another in our lives. God's plan for saving us from sin and death was to offer a sacrifice for us, which was Jesus Christ. Jesus died for our sins so we wouldn't have to, and He was the only sinless person that ever lived on this earth. It's as if we want to buy something from the store, but we don't have the money to pay for it. Then our friend (Jesus) tells us he will pay for us. The store doesn't mind who pays for the item, as long as it's paid for. That is how it is with Jesus paying the price for our sins.

**Why did Adam and Eve have to leave the Garden of Eden?**

The Tree of Life was also in the Garden of Eden. Whoever would eat from the Tree of Life would live forever. God didn't want Adam or Eve to eat from the Tree of Life because they already brought death upon themselves by sinning. Those of us who now are saved from sin because of Christ will one day get to eat the fruit from The Tree of Life in heaven.

**Why do we have to suffer because of Adam and Eve's mistake?**

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the fruit God told them not to. Disobeying God is unrighteousness (doing things that aren't right) and the Bible says that all unrighteousness is sin. Because Adam and Eve became sinful creatures, all the people born after them were born in sin, including us. We are already sinners ourselves and our wages of our sin is death, not because of Adam and Eve's sin, but our own. There is not one person that can say they are sinless, other than Jesus Christ.

**Didn't God understand that Adam and Eve were tricked?**

It might not seem fair that God punished both Adam and Eve even though they had been tricked by the serpent. But we cannot blame others for our actions, no matter how much we try to explain it. God told Adam and Eve what not to do. They did it anyways. They knew it was wrong to disobey God, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed. When it comes to you and God, you are responsible for your own actions and cannot blame others for your choices, no matter how much others impacted you. You still made the choice.

**Why did God put the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden anyway?**

God wants His creation to have a choice. He

doesn't want to force us to follow Him. By putting the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden, God would have to command Adam and Eve not to eat from it. This gave Adam and Eve a choice to obey God or not. True love is a choice. God doesn't want to force us to do anything, but He does warn us of the consequences of our choices.

**Who is satan, and why did he want to trick Adam and Eve?**

Satan was originally created as a beautiful Cherub, a heavenly creature. His original name was Lucifer, and he was the most beautiful of all. Sadly, Lucifer was puffed up with pride and was not happy with his position, wanting to be greater than God, his Creator. Lucifer was able to trick many other angels into turning against God, but God cast them away. Lucifer came to be known also as Satan, amongst many other things. Satan is God's enemy, and that is why he tricked Adam and Eve into sinning. He knew that if they sinned, they could not be a part of God anymore, because it is impossible for God to tolerate sin. With sin separating humans from God, Satan could take them as his own. That's why he is still trying to trick us to sin even today. If we live in sin, we belong to Satan.

**If God can see the future, why did He even create satan?**

God is great, and His love is infinite. God's creation knows it, but we might not be able to understand it fully. The fact that God still created satan and this world knowing full well what was going to happen was God's plan of showing His greatness and love to His creation. The fact that God created us, we rejected Him, we disobeyed Him, we sin against Him, (and many other terrible things) and yet He still sent His son Jesus to suffer and die for us to take away our sin and give us a chance to live with Him again is a tremendous act of sacrificial love. God could have just wiped us out and created new creatures better than us, but He still came to save us. This shows God's mercy, love, and power so much more than if He would just tell us that He loves us.