



# The Fall of Mankind

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... the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord. . .” Genesis 3:8

“In my judgment, such of us as have never fallen victims have been spared more by the absence of appetite, than from any mental or moral superiority over those who have.” — Abraham Lincoln, (*Speech, February 22, 1842*)

## Sin . . . Me . . . and God

1. Where did Sin Originate? (Genesis 3:1-8; Ezekiel 28:13-17; Isaiah 14:12-14; James 1:14-15)
  
2. What is Sin? (Genesis 1:31; 1 John 3:4; Ephesians 2:1)
  
3. How does Adam’s Sin affect Me? (Genesis 3:16-24; Romans 5:12-21; Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Ephesians 2:1-3)
  - a. Sin destroys \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - b. Sin destroys \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - c. Sin destroys \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - d. Sin produces \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - e. Sin produces \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - f. Sin produces \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - g. Sin produces \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  
4. How does God respond to Sin? (Genesis 3:21; 2 Cor. 5:21)

## Truth for Life

For the week of October 19, 2014  
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. A big part of finding victory in the spiritual battle we all face is knowing how our enemy works. As we learn more about the devil, we'll be better prepared to understand his schemes and be able to resist him. What do the following verses tell us about who the devil is and how he likes to operate?
  - John 8:44
  - Isaiah 14:12-15
  - 1 Peter 5:8

How could 1 John 4:4 and James 4:7-8 be of encouragement to you in your battle against the devil?

2. We fall into sin because we don’t understand how subtle temptation is. It takes us through a series of small compromises and/or unwise decisions until we are enticed to sin. If we are to avoid temptation, we need to be prepared. How do the following passages help you to deal with temptations?
  - Galatians 6:7-10
  - Romans 6:12-13
  - Hebrews 4:14-16

What do you find most useful to you from these passages in helping you deal with temptation?

3. When life gets difficult or we don’t get what we want, we can struggle with whether God can be trusted to look out for us. And if Satan is so bent on convincing us that we can’t trust God’s care for us, then it would be wise to strengthen our confidence in His care and concern. What truths do you see in these two well-known passages that can help you remember that God can be trusted?
  - Psalm 23:1-4
  - Romans 8:31-39

## Memory Verse

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*