

School of Blessing

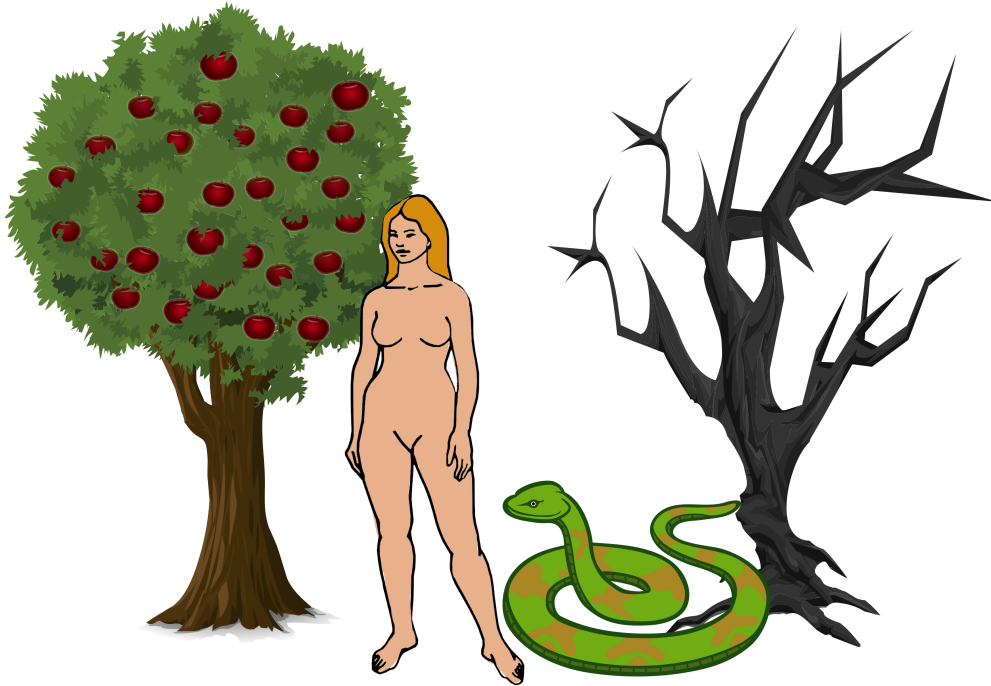
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Walking as a whole, complete person was God's plan for us originally. But unfortunately something happened didn't it? It was called The Fall.

Example: Three Temptations



There were two trees in the garden. One was called The Tree of Life. The other one was called The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God said to Adam and Eve,

"You can eat of all the trees,

except The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil."

That means they could eat of The Tree of Life if they wanted to. And if they did, they would have lived eternally and been immortal. But God said,

"Don't you dare touch The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil! In the day that you eat that fruit you will die."

God actually told that to Adam before Eve was around. I suppose at some stage they were chatting, and she probably looked at that beautiful tree and said,

"Hey Adam, let's go and have a bite."

"Don't you dare go near that tree! God said no."

I kind of wonder whether he communicated it right and made her realize how serious it was to eat of it. Because you see when the serpent decided to come and get them to sin, he chose the one person he figured was more likely to give in which was Eve.

People often say that women are the weaker vessel. Are you kidding? Women are not weak, but yet in some ways they are. Since The Fall women have had a weakness, and because of that God has had to put the woman under restriction. We will look at that later.

Three Temptations

Satan came with three temptations to Eve. He got her to look at the tree and stir up her bodily desires. He also got her to stir up her soulish desires.

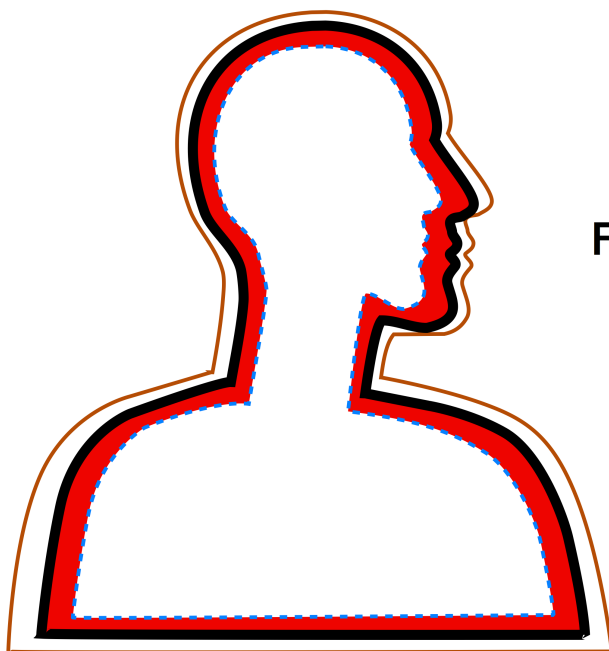
Reversing God's Order

God had said the spirit must come first, the soul second and the body third. What Satan wanted to do was to reverse that order. He wanted to make it body first, soul second and spirit last. However he couldn't just come out straight with it, so he had to follow a specific order.

He had to appeal first to her soul, because you see the soul is the part that chooses. It is our control tower. He came from without the body and into the soul. She looked at it and said,

"Hey, that tree is great for food, but my emotions are stirred. It is to be desired to make me wise and independent of God. Wow, wouldn't that be awesome? I can replace the spirit that is within us. I can replace God."

Example: Stage 1 - The Soul Exalted



First Stage of Fall

What Satan did was he caused her soul to rise up in rebellion against the spirit. The spirit was demoted, and as soon as this happened the soul said,

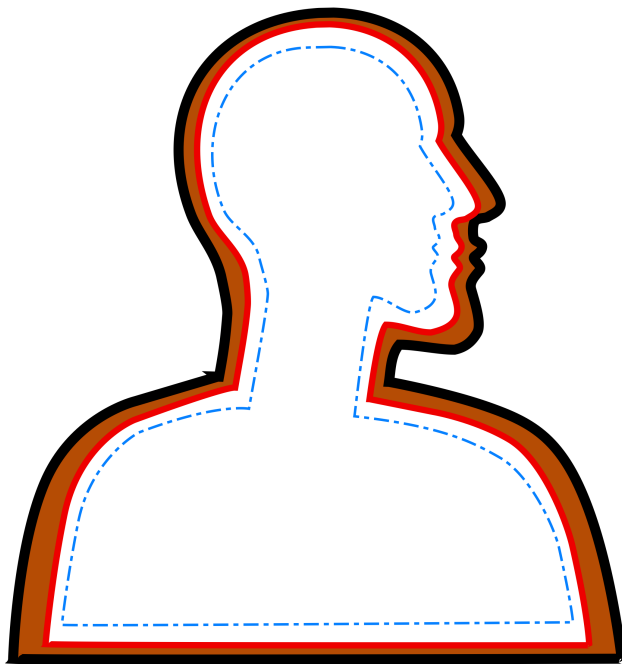
"I think I will listen to the body now instead

of the spirit."

Examples:

Stage 2 - The Spirit Demoted

Stage 3 - The Body Rules



Final Order

The bodily desires began to kick in. And now we have a spirit which is totally dead and non-functional. We have a body that is totally dominant and a soul that says,

“Yes sir, no sir; three

bags full sir.”

There was a total reversal of God’s order which was Satan’s plan. And now because of that, an irreversible situation was created in mankind. As Eve persuaded Adam to do the same thing and partake of that fruit, the exact same reversal took place in him.

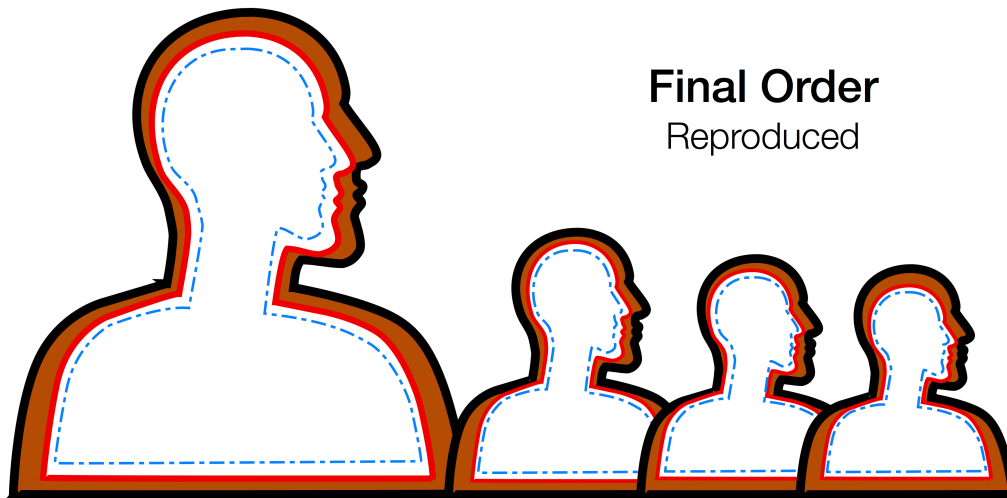
I don’t want to go into whether it was a real fruit or whatever it was. I do believe there is a reason why the Scripture says it was a fruit though, because you receive a fruit in your body.

Living in the Flesh

As they took that fruit into their bodies, they took into them a seed of sin. It was a kind of a DNA if you like, that remained resident in their bodies from then on.

Man no longer lived under the control of the Spirit, which is what the Bible calls living in the Spirit. He began to live now under the control of the body, which the Bible calls living in the flesh.

Example: Life in the Flesh



As soon as man began to reproduce, guess what popped out? They gave birth to little people living in the flesh. Every child that was born right down to us, is born in that reversed condition of the body being in control and the spirit being dead.

Is the spirit dead? No the spirit still exists, but it has become ineffective. It is just as good as dead, because it has no power to contact God as the true source of power. Death is what came about. God said to Adam and Eve,

"The day you eat of that you are dead."

Eve ate it and said,

"He lied; I'm not dead! Come on Adam, if you eat it, I bet you are not going to die either."

Adam ate it and said,

"You're right; I'm not dead. God lied."

You see we only think of death in the physical sense don't we? But every part of our being can face death. There can be spiritual death, soulical death and physical death.

Spiritual death brought a barrier between them and God. The death of the soul made people now subject to their feelings and desires. And with physical

death, they lost the power of remaining healthy. It took many years for them to die, but it eventually came. Immortality was now gone.

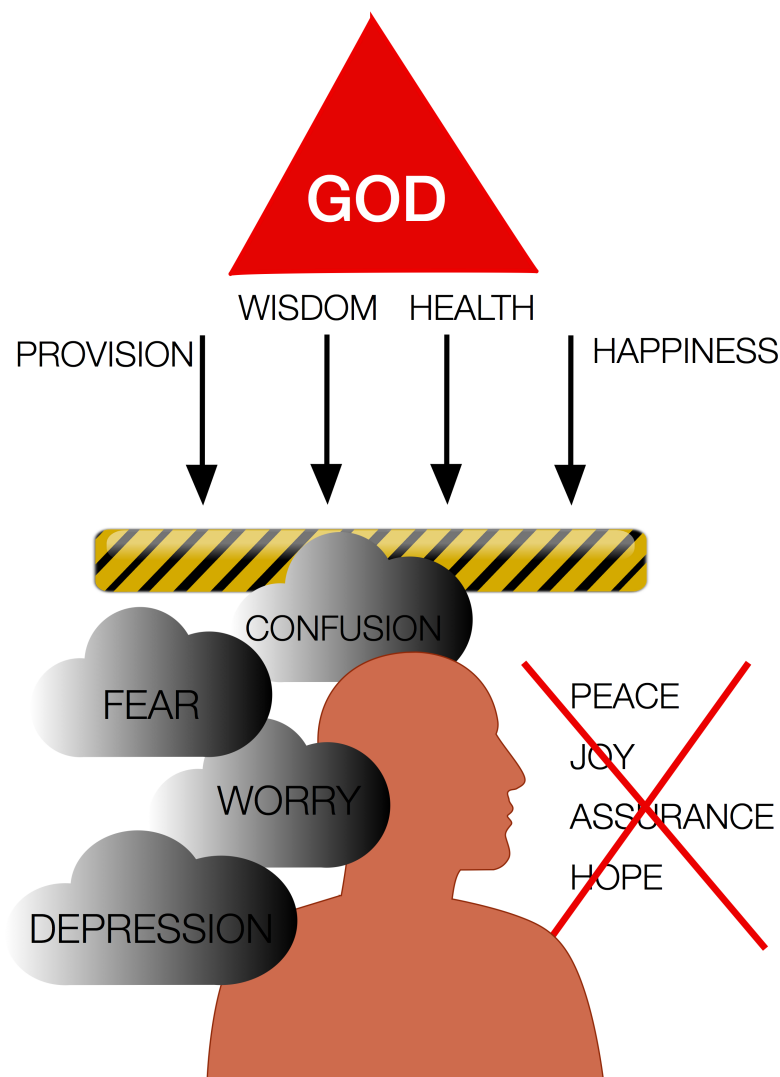
Results of the Sin

What did man lose through disobeying God in sin? They firstly lost their relationship with God. They lost the wisdom that they could get from God. And they lost the provision that God had given them in the Garden of Eden, because they had to be kicked out.

They lost their immortality, and there was no more openness, not only between them and God but between each other. Before then they were open and naked and there was no problem. But now they started to hide from each other behind fig leaves.

They began to run away from God when they heard His voice in the Garden.

Example: Results of the Fall



What was the end result of this? God wanted to give them all the good things like wisdom, health, provision and happiness. God didn't change. They were still coming, but there was a big barrier there between them and God. The Scripture says,

Your iniquities have separated between you and your God that you will not hear His voice anymore.

All the wonderful things like peace and joy, assurance and hope, were now replaced by confusion, fear, worry and depression.

They were covered by clouds of evil. They desperately needed restoration of fellowship. They desperately needed some kind of spiritual revelation and wisdom. And they desperately needed a Savior, because they couldn't do anything to change themselves.

It would take somebody from the outside to set them free.

God never forsook them. He had a plan which the Scripture calls a plan of salvation. God set about putting that plan into motion, to bring them back to what He had for them originally. The Scriptures call this the New Birth and we will look at in Part 2.