

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 112

Where was Adam?
Part 1



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



LESSON



The family is a gift from God given to the human race before Adam fell (sinned against God by disobeying Him). When this happened, it caused all mankind to be sinful because all mankind came from Adam.

But let's take a good long look in the **Book of Genesis** which, by the way means "beginnings," at how all this happened and why it happened, okay? It's a wonderful truth to learn. It really clears up a lot of questions that come up about the Lord/God, the entire creation, and especially our creation and what happened after the Lord/God made us. **Gen 1:26** "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"

Gen 2:18-25 "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man (Adam) to be alone; I will make him (Adam) a helper just right for him.' (19) Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky and brought them to the man (Adam) to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. So cool! Adam had a job right off! (20) The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper just right for him. (21) So then, the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of

his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. (22) The Lord God fashioned the rib which He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. (23) The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.'"

Gen 2:27-28 "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (28) God **BLESSED** them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and rule it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" "Be fruitful and multiply" is what God said after He blessed the male and female and God meant for them to have a family...children...lots of them to fill the earth! Gen 2:24 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. (25) And the man (Adam) and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed (because they did not sin yet)."

But after (we don't know how long after) all these wonderful blessings from God, Adam sinned by disobeying God and therefore, all of us (mankind) (all the children) that will come from Adam and Eve were born sinners.



Actually kids, Adam wasn't the one who sinned first!!!! It was his beautiful wife, Eve who sinned first! We're going to see what happened in the Book of Genesis. It's a really fascinating Bible story and it all happened in the very beginning! A good title for the next two chapters of **Genesis** would be "Where was Adam?"

But first let's look at the reason Eve sinned first in that beautiful Garden of Eden with all of its blessings. You know the garden was perfect...NO BUGS, NO WEEDS, NO BAD WEATHER...just perfect in every way: perfect fruit, vegetables, flowers, trees, streams: friendly and beautiful animals and birds...EVERYTHING wonderful for Adam and Eve to enjoy as they went about doing their work in the garden.

Did you know that they NEVER got sick or felt badly EVER? They were perfect, too! So why did Eve sin? And why did Adam let her sin? Where was Adam? Let's find out...

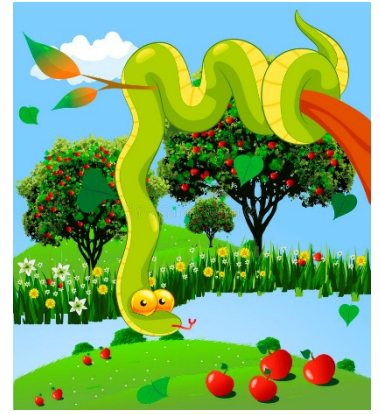
You know that God gave them EVERYTHING they would EVER need to live perfectly happy in the garden. He only asked ONE THING of them. He told them NOT TO EAT of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden called the TREE of the KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL! That's it! Boy, wouldn't it be cool to only have ONE RULE from your parents? Unfortunately, we are sinners and we need LOTS and LOTS of RULES!!!

Okay, on with this really great lesson...



Gen 3:1-13 "Now the serpent (the devil) was more deceitful than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'' (2) The woman (Eve) said to the serpent, 'From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; (3) but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden (which was called the **TREE of the KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL**), God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" (4) The serpent said to the woman, 'You surely will not die! (5) For God knows that in the day that you eat from it (the tree) your eyes will be opened (you will understand), and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'" (6) When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise (like God), she took the fruit and ate it; and **she gave the fruit to her husband also (who was) with her, and he ate it.** (7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened (they understood), and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. (8) They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (9) Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' (10) He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid myself.' (11) And He (the Lord God) said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' (12) The man said, 'The woman (Eve) whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit from the tree, and I ate.' (13) Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'" Wow, do you see all the blaming going on here!!!

Now, that's an amazing story, right? That serpent/devil was really smart! Don't you wonder why Eve even listened to the serpent? Who knew a serpent could talk, right? Wouldn't you or I be afraid to even go near a serpent? Sure enough!!! But remember this happened in the Garden of Eden where everything was just perfect. That's probably why she even let him come near her...she wouldn't be afraid because all the living creatures in the garden were gentle and beautiful. So, the serpent who by the way was really the devil in disguise, must have acted like he fit right in, too, don't you think?



That serpent, who again was the devil in disguise, was so convincing that he made Eve doubt in her mind about what God had said to them about eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You do know that the devil is God's arch enemy, right? He will do ANYTHING to go against God and make God look bad to all mankind. He started doing this in the Garden of Eden with Eve!!! She was his first human victim!!

Remember how slick the serpent was when he said very nicely for sure that **Gen 3:1, 4-5 "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" (4) The serpent said to the woman, 'You surely will not die! (5) For God knows that in the day that you eat from it (the tree) your eyes will be opened (you will understand), and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'**"



Notice how evil this is. He's putting God down! He's making Eve **doubt** that God wants only good for her.

Also, the sneaky serpent told this to Eve while they were alone at first. You see the devil didn't want Adam there! Because Adam knew better!!!! Adam understood that God was a wonderful perfect loving God and that He wanted only good for Adam and Eve. In fact, the Lord God had been teaching Adam everyday in the garden. It's just like when we do our daily Bible study and learn all about God and His plan for our lives. He taught Adam all about God and how Adam was to live in the garden.

But unfortunately, the devil got her all to himself at first so he could deceive Eve by lying to her. The devil always tries to come between a God

and mankind, between a husband and a wife, even between children and parents! That's because he tries to destroy EVERYTHING that God made for us to be happy. God made the wonderful foundation of husband and wife for mankind's happiness. The devil wants to STOP God from succeeding with His plans for mankind to supply all mankind's need to be happy on earth. The devil hates this!!!! He is a destroyer of all God's foundation plans for mankind.

The devil wanted to convince Eve that what God provided for her was not what was best for her. What a **SNAKE-SNEAK!!!**



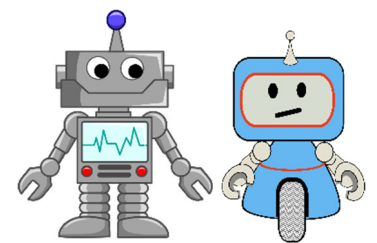
Soooo...while the serpent was busy lying and deceiving Eve...where was Adam?

Adam was probably in a different part of the garden away from Eve and the serpent at first but eventually Adam joined Eve while the serpent/devil was lying and trying to deceive her. Of course, we don't know how much he heard of their conversation but I'm sure it was enough to know that what the serpent/devil was saying was a LIE! Did Adam speak up? NO, he did not!!!!




Does this shock you, kids? It is shocking when you think about it because God had provided all the great and perfect things for Adam and Eve in their garden home. So why did Adam let the serpent/devil lie about God to Eve?

Well guess what? God also gave Adam and Eve "free will" when He created them. He did not make them **robots** who cannot think. We have the same free will, too. You know that free will is our decider, right? We make decisions with it every moment of our lives. We decide things...either good or bad.



I guess Adam made the decision to listen in on the conversation between Eve and the serpent/devil but not speak up when it lied about the Lord God. Can you guess why Adam did that? Think about it. Remember why God made Eve...to be Adam's loving wife and friend.

Let's review that in Gen 2:18. "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man (Adam) to be alone; I will make him a helper (Eve) just right for him.' Gen 2:21-23 "So then, the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man (Adam), and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. (22) The Lord God formed the rib which He had taken from the man into a woman (Eve) and brought her to the man. (23) The man (Adam) said, 'This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.'"

You see, Adam LOVED Eve with all his heart! The Lord God gave Adam his perfect wife and friend and Adam was really VERY in love and happy with her. See what happened here? Adam didn't want to lose Eve so he used his "free will" to decide that he would go right along with her and disobey God. He probably thought that if he didn't, he might lose her. 

We'll keep going with this great lesson from the Bible next time...

Close in prayer.

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