

# The Fall of Man – Discussion Guide

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Understanding the nature of man, the nature of God, and the nature of Satan and what happened to our foreparents in the Garden of Eden is critical to an understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The epic tragedy of what occurred that day in the Garden forever set the destiny of mankind. The understanding of this calamity sheds light on the significance and absolute necessity of the atoning sacrifice and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Creation

- Why did God create man in his image?
- What was the first commandment God gave to man?
- In Genesis chapter 1 what do we learn about the inherent traits God has given man?
- What do we learn about the nature of man, before Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit?

**SCRIPTURES:** Genesis 1-4; Proverbs 4; 1 John 4:16

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## The Garden

- How is Satan, the Devil described in the Scriptures?
- What comprises the parts of man that God created? (See Luke 10:27)
- What choice did the Lord set before Adam and Eve?
- What happened to Adam when he ate the forbidden fruit?
- What was the penalty and outcome of Adam's transgression?
- **SCRIPTURES:** Revelation 12:9-10, 12:12, 3:17, 2:13; Matthew 13:38, 4:9; Acts 13:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Colossians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; Luke 10:27; Genesis 3:7, 3:12, 2:17, 3:22; Ezekiel 18:4

## The Fall

- How would the Scriptures describe all the children of Adam and Eve, including you and me, as a result of the fall of Adam?
- How does the Bible describe the human nature?
- Why does the Bible say the heart is deceitful and wicked and who can know it but God? Explain how this affects seekers of God and salvation
- Why was Adam's new nature "enmity" (hostile) towards God?
- What do we learn about God's nature from the fall of Adam?

- What would come out of man's new heart or spirit after the fall of Adam?
- **SCRIPTURES:** Romans 1:29, 3:23, 4:5, 5:6, 5:9, 8:5-8; 1 Timothy 6:5; Titus 1:16; Ephesians 2:2, 5:6; 1 John 3:8, 1:10; Isaiah 57:4, 53:6; Ezekiel 16:4; Jeremiah 2:35, 17:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 12:20; Revelation 12:7, 21:8; Genesis 8:21; Matthew 8:22; Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:14; Proverbs 16:6, 30:22; Galatians 5:19

## Redemption

- How does God show his mercy to Adam and the generations that would follow?
- To receive salvation what does the Lord command?
- Why did Christ say you must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God?
- What is the result of the new birth?
- Why is it impossible for anyone to declare themselves a Christian based on their own decisions, energy, and will?
- What is the difference between a sinner and a saint?
- **SCRIPTURES:** Genesis 3:21; 1 John 3:12, 3:9; Ephesians 2:3; Psalm 51:5; Matthew 13:45, 25:35, 5:8, 26:39, 3:11; Romans 2:4, 9:14; Hebrews 9:14; John 3:16, 14:21; Jeremiah 17:9; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; John 6:44, 3:5, 14:6; Ezekiel 16:6-14; Isaiah 62:3, 41:10; Revelation 7:15; 1 Timothy 1:15