

Personal Study Questions

1. Why did Satan use the serpent to disguise himself when he spoke to Eve?

2. Why does Satan try to blind people’s minds so they cannot know and understand God?

3. Why did Satan ask Eve, “*Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?*”

4. From Eve’s reply to Satan, how do you know that she was confused by him? (Compare Genesis 3:2-3 and Genesis 2:16-17.)

5. By contradicting what God said about the results of eating the forbidden fruit, what was Satan implying?

6. What did Satan say would happen if Adam and Eve ate of the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?

7. What was Satan’s ultimate objective in deceiving Eve?

8. After Eve had been tricked into eating the fruit, she offered some to Adam who was with her. Was he deceived like Eve? (Refer to 1 Timothy 2:14.)

9. By eating the fruit, what was Adam indicating that he wanted?

10. Death wasn’t evident in Adam and Eve’s bodies when they disobeyed God, so in what way had they died?

11. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, the consequences happened just as God had said they would. What does this teach us about God?

12. Why can't God have fellowship with those who disobey Him?

13. To whom had Adam and Eve shifted their allegiance?

14. Once they sinned, how did Adam and Eve's attitudes toward their bodies change?

15. What did Adam and Eve do to try to provide for their own needs?

16. What are ways people today attempt to make themselves acceptable to God?

17. According to 1 Samuel 16:7, how does God view a person's attempts to be outwardly acceptable to Him?

18. Prior to disobeying God, Adam and Eve were of one mind with Him. How did this change after they sinned?

19. Why were Adam and Eve rightfully afraid?

20. Is it possible for anyone to conceal their sin from God? (Refer to Jeremiah 23:23-24.)

21. According to Psalm 139:1-12, what has God known about you since the day you were born?

Personal Study Answers

1. Satan used the serpent to disguise himself so that Eve wouldn't know it was him talking to her. He wanted to deceive her.
2. Satan tries to blind people's minds because he wants everyone to remain under his control and eventually be destroyed.
3. Satan asked Eve this question so she would doubt what God had said.
4. We know Eve was confused because when she replied to Satan's question, she added to what God had said.
5. By contradicting what God said about the results of eating the forbidden fruit, Satan was implying that God was a liar.
6. Satan said that if Adam and Eve ate of the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they wouldn't die and they would be equal to God and, therefore, be able to decide for themselves what was right and wrong.
7. Satan's ultimate objective in deceiving Eve was to destroy Adam and Eve's relationship with God so that they would die.
8. Adam was not deceived like Eve; he deliberately disobeyed God's command.
9. By eating the fruit, Adam indicated that he wanted to control his own life and do as he pleased.
10. Adam and Eve had died to their spiritual relationship to God. Their souls and spirits, which were made in God's image, were separated from Him. They were no longer able to know, love and obey God.
11. That the consequences to Adam and Eve's sin happened just as God had said teaches us that God always does what He says.
12. God can't have fellowship with those who disobey Him, because He is holy and righteous.
13. Adam and Eve had shifted their allegiance to Satan, God's great enemy.
14. Once they sinned, Adam and Eve were embarrassed by their nakedness.
15. Adam and Eve tried to provide for their own needs by clothing themselves with fig leaves.
16. There are many ways people today attempt to make themselves acceptable to God, including:
 - Being christened
 - Becoming church members
 - Being baptized
 - Going to church
 - Praying
 - Reading the Bible
 - Being good parents
 - Endeavoring to be law-abiding citizens
 - Showing kindness to others.
17. God doesn't look at a person's outward attempts to make himself acceptable; He looks at a person's heart.
18. After disobeying God, Adam and Eve were no longer of one mind with Him. They could no longer know and understand God, and they were afraid of Him.
19. Adam and Eve were rightfully afraid because they had been warned by God of what the punishment would be if they disobeyed Him.
20. It is impossible to hide anything from God.
21. God has known everything about me since the day I was born, including every word I have spoken and every action I have taken.