

Answer Guide for Chapter 3

3:1

- On which day of the first creation account was the serpent created? *6th day*
- On which day of the first creation account was humankind created? *Same- 6th day*
- What did God give to humankind in relation to the wild animals? *dominion*
- What quality was unique about the serpent compared to other wild animals? *crafty*
- What sense of Eve does the serpent use to attack? *Her hearing, he speaks to her.*
- The first three words spoken by the serpent were “ *Did God say?*”
- What is sin? *Unbelief, doubting the words of God*
- Were the first words to man that of law or gospel? (2:16) *Gospel*
- Were the second words spoken to man that of law or gospel? (2:17) *Law*
- What had the serpent done with the first words of God? *Changed them.*

3:2-3

Genesis 2:16-17 English Standard Version (ESV)

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat_[a] of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:2-3 English Standard Version (ESV)

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

- Does the woman agree with the serpent or correct what the serpent said? *Changed his words.*

-What does the woman do with what God had first told them? *Added the words, “Nor shall you touch it.”*

-What change does the NRSV version make? *Removes the words “surely” and “lest”*

-What does this event say about the importance of clearly hearing God speak to you?

It is not for us to change what God says with our preferences or desires.

-Which commandment speaks of not neglecting and gladly hearing God's word?

The Third Commandment. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

3:4-7

-What is different in how the serpent now speaks compared to his first words to Eve?

He now lies directly when he says, “You shall not die”.

-What does the serpent assert to the woman about God? *You will be like God.*

-What is the first commandment? *You shall have no other gods.*

-How has the serpent changed this commandment? *You can become a god yourself.*

-How does Genesis 2 end after God establishes the estate of marriage? “ And the man and his wife were both *naked*, and were not *ashamed*”.

-As soon as the woman and her husband ate of the fruit, which body part (sense) was opened? *Their eyes were opened.*

-What did they know and what did they do? *That they were naked and sewed fig leaves together.*

3:8-13

-What does the Lord do after Adam and Eve's “fall”? *He goes looking for them.*

-What direction do Adam and Eve take after “the fall” in relation to God? *Away from God*

-Give another biblical example of this happening. *Jonah, the disciples at Jesus' death*

- What are the Lord's next words to man and what do you find "interesting" about this question? "*Where are you?*" *God of course knows where they are.*
 - How does Adam respond to the Lord's question? *I heard you and I was afraid.*
 - What is the emotion that Adam has when hearing the "rustling of the leaves" in the garden? *fear*
 - What should have been the one word answer to the Lord's question "Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" *Yes*
 - What is the response from Adam? *Blames God. The woman YOU gave me.*
 - What should have been the response from Eve when asked by the Lord "What is this that you have done?" *I took and ate.*
 - What was the response of Eve to the Lord? *She blames the serpent.*
 - What is our first response to sin? *Make excuses and blame others.*
 - What is necessary for you to admit your sin? (hint: What happened before David was aware of his sin with Bathsheba and Uriah?) *A preacher arrives with God's word.*
 - Who came and spoke first to the man and woman? *The serpent*
 - Who does God find first to speak to after "the fall"? *The serpent*
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- What is the Lord's word to the serpent among the other animals? *Cursed*
 - What posture does it sound like the serpent had previous to "the fall"? *Upright, erect*
 - Now what is the posture and what will the serpent eat? *On its belly, eating dust*
 - What is put between the serpent and the woman? *Enmity, they become enemies*
 - Who is the "offspring or seed" of Eve that will crush the head of the serpent?
- Jesus Christ*
- What is promised to the woman? *Pain in childbirth, husband will rule over you*

- What is promised to the man? *Ground is cursed. Thistles and thorns.*
- Are we promised a life of ease and comfort if we “follow Jesus”? *NO*
- What are we promised since we don’t “follow Jesus”? *He still comes after us and promises to be with us.*
- When do we heard the words “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ?

Ash Wednesday

- Why do you think some churches avoid the season of Lent? *They prefer to avoid the reality of sin.*

3:20-24

- Who names the woman? *Adam, just like he named all the animals.*
- What does her name mean? *Mother of all living things.*
- Why do you think God replaced Adam and Eve’s fig leaf clothing with animal skins?
They are reminded of death with the skins of animals rather than the fig leaves.
- How do you hear the words that God spoke in 3:22? *Sarcasm, Humans have not become like God.*
- What has happened to man compared to Gen 2:15? *Rather than working the ground in the garden, he is moved out of the garden to till the soil.*
- What is the purpose of the cherubim? *Guarding the man from the tree of life.*