

Genesis 3

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Genesis 3:7....Knowledge of Good and Evil

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



Why do you think it says 'the eyes of both were opened'? Had they been blind before this? In what way?

What was the significance of realising that they were naked?

What did they gain by eating the fruit (we are not told it was an apple, by the way!) and what did they lose?

Innocence Lost

They were different now, and could never be the same again. You can't go back, when you've lost your innocence.

The first time you steal, you are a thief. The first time you lie, you are a liar. The first time you disobey God, you are a sinner. The first time you have sex, you lose your virginity. There's no turning back.

The effects

At the top of the next page try to write down as many of the consequences that you can think of that result from this one action by Adam and Eve.

Think about the effects on them, on their children, on all humanity since, but also the effects on God.

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God's Tears and His Anger

The book of Hosea is full of God's feelings for His rebel children. I'm sure He felt like this when Adam and Eve sinned, and still does when we sin. Read the whole book sometime, but for now just look up some of the following verses:

ch 1:2, 4:1 - 9, 6:7, 10:12, 11:1 - 4, 13:4,14, 14:1,2,9

Or take a look at **Genesis 6:6**.

How does God feel about sin?

Sidelight

We are often very casual about our own sin.

But that has lots of consequences too! The people we hurt, the loss of our own reputation. Not to mention what it does to God.

It's easy to say "God will forgive me if I'm sorry" but that forgets what it cost Him to be able to forgive you.

It also forgets the fact that, though you are forgiven, the consequences carry on. If you hurt someone, they are still hurt.

Covering Up

Adam and Eve immediately started to cover themselves, an attempt to hide their sin.

That got them in even deeper, because they made it obvious things had changed.

Much better to be honest!

God cannot take sin lightly, it cost Him Cross.



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