

Genesis 3

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Genesis 3:8-10.....Hiding from God.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?". He answered, "I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Your "Adam's Apple"

You've probably heard the story about how we get our Adam's Apples, those lumps that stick out of the neck of adult men: it's a left over from the apple that Adam ate, the bit that got stuck in his throat. Of course, that is **not true**, it's just a legend.

But there is something that we gained from that original sin, something which we all have and which neither we nor Adam and Eve had before it. It's the knowledge of good and evil which we looked at last time and it appears in all of us. As we go on with this study, see if you can recognise what it is (I'm calling it our 'adam's apple' for now!).

I've got it, and I'm sure you've got one too!

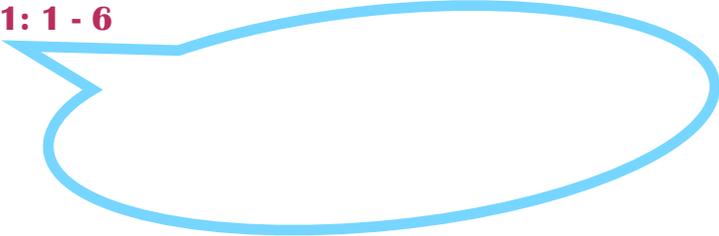
The great cover-up continues.....

It wasn't enough that they sewed fig leaves as coverings for themselves. When God came near they hid from Him, they'd never done that before, but they didn't have their "adam's apples" then! Let's see how some other people have reacted to this thing, write down how they reacted in each case.

Peter: See **Mark 14: 66 - 72**



David: See **2 Samuel 12: 7 - 10** and **Psalms 51: 1 - 6**



The men of Sodom: See **Genesis 19: 5 - 9**



**Which of the above examples is the odd one out?
What do you think the "Adam's Apple" is?**



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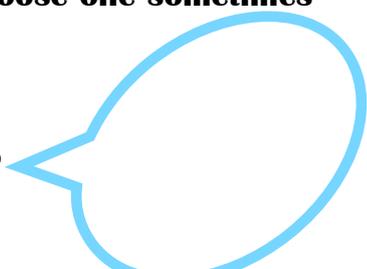
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The Knowledge of good as well as of evil.

What the fruit gave Adam and Eve was the ability to distinguish between good and evil, and from then on the need to choose to do good instead of evil. Throughout history some people have chosen good, some evil. Many more choose one sometimes and the other at other times.

According to the Bible, good is obedience to God.

People like **Joshua** chose good. What did he say in **Joshua 24:15**?



According to the Bible, sin is aiming to do good but failing.

People like **Peter** are like this. Compare the reading about him on the last page with **John 13 :37**.



According to the Bible, evil is deliberate defiance of God.

People like **those killed in the flood** were evil. See what God says about them in **Genesis 6: 5**.



People who are evil have often killed off their Adam's Apples (I'm sure by now you realise we are talking about their consciences) and they no longer make good choices. They are given over to evil ways, and even God gives up on them. It's a horrible thought, but it seems to be possible to choose to be so bad that even God no longer tries to rescue you.

See **Romans 1: 24,26,28** and **Romans 2:2**, what do these verses say?



Guilt and Conviction.

Sometimes you may think that your conscience is a pain, but it is a good guide that lets you know if you are following God's ways or not.

Immediately we sin, our conscience points the finger at us and convicts us "Oi! Watch it!". That is good and useful.

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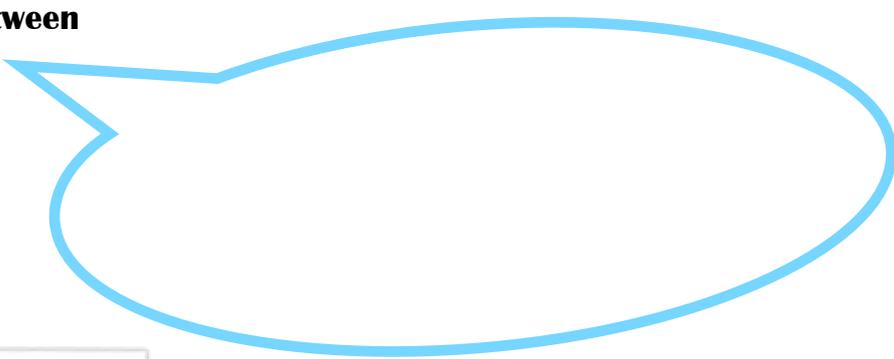
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But if we let it, our conscience will also push us into feeling guilty. We don't have to, if we have confessed to God and repented.

What does Romans 8:1 say?



How do you think that you can tell the difference between conviction and guilt?



Learning Bible verses is important, and does not have to be hard; it can even be fun.

Sidelight

One way is to try to make it into a song. Lots have been done by others, and it makes it so much easier to learn.

Visit www.walkingbible.org to find a large number of bible verse songs to play, there's an app to help you too.

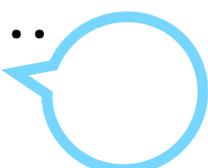
At the time of producing this sheet, Romans 8:1 was not recorded so why not try to make your own song up using the words of this great verse?

Learn Romans 8:1!

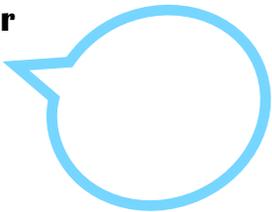
It'll help you at times when you don't forgive yourself. We always need to move on from mistakes, sin and error and stand back up to walk with God again.

Back to the Garden.....

What were they feeling, conviction or guilt?



What *should* they have done to get their new consciences back to "feeling ok"?



We'll see next time if they did this!



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