



It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Isaiah 59:2

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Genesis 3:1-24. Imagine the time when Adam and Eve experienced God's provision and His presence with no barriers. The Garden of Eden was a place where Adam and Eve could **rest** completely in God's majesty, sufficiency and provision. Despite this, Adam and Eve chose to trust a liar rather than their Creator, who is Truth. We see man's rebellious nature in the act of the first sins. Yet even in this rebellious act, God provides hope in His promise of grace and restoration.

The gospel in the story:



The account of the first sins, is accompanied with the first glimpse of the gospel. The term "gospel" means good news. The bad news is that all of humanity is guilty of sin, and therefore condemned to death. However, God in keeping with His promise of being a loving and gracious God, established a plan of salvation **that existed BEFORE Adam and Eve sinned**. God revealed the promise of a savior (Jesus) to Adam and Eve after they sinned, as the one who would crush Satan's head.

Application

Head: What did we learn?

Q: What was the Garden of Eden like? A: Paradise

Q: How did God show His generous provision? A: The abundance and diversity of good food and His presence

Q: Who sinned in the story? A: Satan, Adam and Eve

Q: Who did not sin? A: God. He has never sinned and never will

Q: What was the result of sin? A: A curse, a death sentence and separation from God

Q: How did God show grace to Adam and Eve? A: He clothed them and didn't kill them immediately

Q: How did God provide hope? A: In the promise of a savior (a descendent of Eve) who would crush Satan's head

Heart: Memory verse

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

- Understanding that we are rebellious by nature should lead to desiring God's will instead of ours.
- Understanding that God had a plan of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus from the beginning of time should lead to a life of thankful obedience.

Home: How does this affect our households?

Understanding God's grace should make us gracious to our family.

Heaven: How can this help us share our faith?

We are called to be witnesses of God's graciousness to our neighbors. So those in Christ need to never forget how much they needed a savior, and how faithful God was in providing one in Jesus.