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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

The fear of meeting a snake is a common fear for those who live in snake territories. Snakes usually have similar colouring to their surroundings and they're not easily seen by humans until they are close by. The snake's very good hearing means that it's the human being who suffers the greatest shock of an encounter.

Have you ever wondered why Eve wasn't frightened of a talking snake in the Garden of Eden? Was it normal for animals to talk with humans back then? The snake in this case was really Satan in disguise. By a discussion that used manipulation, Satan persuaded Eve to take some of the forbidden fruit and eat it.

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In Genesis, Chapter 3, the record of the fall of human beings from the exalted position given to them by God in the Garden of Eden, shows how one simple sin created distress for the rest of humankind. Adam was given rulership of the earth but when he ate the forbidden fruit, he and Eve surrendered their rulership and gave it away by default to the control of Satan.

The Lord Jesus described Satan as a liar and the father of lies. By causing Eve to doubt God's Word, Satan introduced sin into the world and separation between God and people. When Satan said, "You will not surely die if you eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil," he was directly challenging God's Word and the truth that it upheld. Then he presented the temptation with a deceptive twist of the truth that Eve knew: "When you eat of it ... you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Satan's lie about God knowing what is both good and evil isn't true at all. God is only 100% good. There is no sin whatever in Him. In rejecting God's command and following her own desires, Eve showed what human sin really is: it's the going of our own way and ignoring what God says. When Adam also ate the forbidden fruit, this sin of disobedience, death and separation from God was then to be passed onto all future generations of people on the earth. You and I and everyone else have not escaped this terrible curse of sin either, as we have all been born of the seed of sinful parents.

This whole situation is even sadder to contemplate, because Adam and Eve were already like God and they knew what was good. But when they ate the forbidden fruit, instead of being clothed with wisdom, they found themselves clothed in nothing, stripped of all their glory and privileges. By sinning, they had become less like God; not more. A gulf of separation had opened up between God and people, and the fellowship that Adam and Eve had enjoyed with their Lord was now destroyed.

Eve experienced three temptations that are representative of all human beings. She saw that the forbidden fruit was good for food, pleasing to the eye and desirable for gaining wisdom. In I John, Chapter 2, it says not to love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, then it says you don't love the Father. Everything that belongs to the world – sinful self desires, what people see and want, and the boasting of what people have and do – don't come from the Father but from the spirit of the world, who is Satan.

Why were the consequences of Adam's and Eve's sin so severe? God will not tolerate His specially created people setting themselves up as His unrightful equals, by establishing their own independence, source of goodness and going their own way. This desire in all of us to be our own boss and do what we want underlies the temptation of the Original Sin. All the troubles in the world have one root cause: a person's self-centredness or namely, their sinful nature.

Adam and Eve may have felt that as they had done only one thing wrong that, God could easily forgive them and then forget about it. But God never overlooks a single sin. When people realise this, they come to understand the very high standard set by a completely holy God.

Learning God's ways is very important for us all. God wants to move believers in Christ forward to spiritual maturity with eternal gains, and not just temporary purposes. All the major projects that belong to God follow the pattern of God revealing His purpose, then seemingly changing His mind and the plan, only to bring the original purpose to pass in His own special way and in His own good time. If we don't understand these principles of God at work in us, we could become very anxious.

The greatest example of this principle is of the Lord Jesus bringing in a new kingdom for God, one that would never be defeated. After 3½ years of ministry, Jesus was then killed in a very cruel manner. It seemed that early Biblical revelations given about the kingdom of God coming to earth could never be restored. But three days later, Jesus rose up in all power and victory over death – he was seen alive again! God had raised up Jesus from death and He returned to comfort and encourage His grief-stricken disciples. Jesus restored their loyalty to Him again. After Jesus's disciples saw Jesus return to heaven and then received the Holy Spirit, they too were compelled by the Holy Spirit to preach the good news of Christ's kingdom around the world.

When we learn the lesson that only God can bring the things that He promises by His own abilities, God will intervene to restore His good purposes often in a surprising or miraculous way. This approach teaches us that God has the biggest part to play in His plans and that He's responsible for good to rise up in victory over evil. And the glory and praise for this is always given to Him!

The world in which we live in has an endless variety of problems and we may discover remedies for many of them. But this won't happen if we just sit back and do nothing. The trials and sufferings that come to us set the stage for character growth. Do you have to live or work with difficult or irritating people? We can complain about them or we can grow to be better co-workers as a direct result of them. Our circumstances can help us to grow more like Jesus every day, if we will let this process work in our lives.

Another of God's ways is to lead us to places where everything seems to be going wrong. Troubles seem to pile up and we wonder if God still loves us or has any more blessings to share with us in life. If He does, then we often reason that God should lead us in straight paths of peace. But it is in those very troubles that we need to cling more closely to Him, even when we think God's not answering our prayers in the way that we would like. We see things from our point of view while God sees things from His. It's most beneficial to us if we allow the Holy Spirit to change our way of thinking and trust to see God's point of view in everything.

When things are falling apart and nothing seems to be going right, we need to pray: "Lord, I know that you are working all things for my good, and through this situation, You are going to make me more like Jesus than I have ever been before. I will rise with You to see the whole thing from Your point of view." If we can do this, we'll avoid bitterness and confusion and often come out into a place of quiet peace and greater usefulness in our lives.

Another of God's ways is the principle of slow growth. When the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, God didn't clear the land all at once for them, because they had to build up their numbers so the land could be used and not left to go to the weeds and wild animals. When a person becomes a Christian, some things in his or her life are quickly resolved but others may take years to overcome.

It's a mistake for churches to give converts the idea that once they've come to Jesus, all their problems and troubles will be gone or instantly solved. This just isn't true. When we come to Christ, we have the potential to overcome all our problems but some will be fixed quickly while others very slowly. And for some new converts, their troubles will multiply if they live in a family belonging to another religion or belief system.

God is really eager to give good gifts to His own beloved people. But if His people harbour doubts in their minds about God's willingness to care deeply for them, their prayers can just be mere words without any heart in their petitions. When Jesus taught His disciples 'The Lord's Prayer', He built a picture of God being both a loving Father and a concerned Friend. If our prayers are missing this belief in Him, they are without faith and have little effect in heaven.

Prayer is not so much the words that cross our lips as the desire that is in our hearts. Some have such deep spiritual desires within them that all they need to do is ask and they receive. Others can use all the right words and phrases but their real desire inside may not match their words. And it is God who knows the inner and deep desires of our heart. In Jeremiah, Chapter 29, the Lord says: "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." We need God to bring us to the place where our desire to receive is as strong as God's desire to give.

In Isaiah, Chapter 42, God says: "I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images." What is the reason behind this way of God? God has made people in His image, but we often want to make God into our own sinful image. It is the Almighty God who deserves all the praise. He's not only created the universe and all that is in it, but He is constantly at work in supporting and maintaining it despite Satan's opposition.

God is all-sufficient and this alone ought to bring praise to our lips, for everything we have: life, breath, reason and spirit, we have received from Him.

God knows that when we give Him honour and glory, we are in fact becoming more complete in ourselves. We've been made to praise and honour our Creator and Lord, and enjoy Him forever in obedience and thankfulness. When we understand this, we'll never draw back from giving Him the praise that He asks for. The act of praising God destroys any desire within us to boast about what we've done. For in Psalm 92, Verse 1, it says: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High ..."

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