

GENESIS 3

Concentrate on the relationships between the characters and the ways in which those relationships undergo change.

1. How is the serpent characterized?
2. How did the woman's statement in 3:3 compare with God's statement in 2:17?
3. How does the serpent convince the woman that she should eat the forbidden fruit? To which of her desires did the serpent appeal?
4. What is it about the fruit that tempted the woman?
5. Why do you think the man ate the fruit?
6. When faced with God's questions, how did the man and woman respond?
7. God did not ask the serpent why it did this thing. Why not?
8. In 3:14-19, what things are cursed by God? Why are they cursed?
9. Why were Adam and Eve banished from the garden? What does God think will happen if they remain in the garden?
10. What is the act of tenderness God shows Adam and Eve that they are still under God's care and protection?
11. As a result of the fall, we see the consequences of sin. Instead of communion and companionship, we see estrangement or alienation now exists in the world, and this estrangement manifests itself in three ways:
 - In the relationship between God and humans
 - In the relationship between man and woman
 - In the relationship between humans and the created orderIn what ways does Genesis 3 show the disruption of relationships on these three levels after the fall.