

Lesson 4 – Original Sin

You already know that God made Adam and Eve as the first people. He gave them many wonderful gifts. One is that they would never have to die. But He also gave them a command. God had put Adam and Eve in a wonderful garden, but there was one tree in the garden that they were not supposed to ever eat from.

God made a covenant with Adam and Eve. A covenant is a special promise that makes people a family. A man and a woman make a covenant when they get married, for example. God's covenant with Adam and Eve made all people God's family. But if Adam and Eve broke the covenant by sinning, they would be separated from God.

The devil hates God. God made the devil to be an angel and to be good, but the devil turned against God. Since he hates God so much, the devil also hates anything that God loves. Most of all, that means us. So the devil wanted to make Adam and Eve break their covenant with God.

He went into the garden where Adam and Eve were, and he tempted them to eat fruit from the tree that God had told them not to eat from. Adam and Eve did. This is called Original Sin, and it was terrible. Now Adam and Eve, and all future people would have to die. But worse than that, human beings were separated from God, and could not go to Heaven.

Even though they disobeyed Him, God still loves human beings, and He did not want them to be shut out of Heaven. So immediately, God made an incredible promise. He promised to send a Savior to fix the broken covenant, so people could be God's children again, and could be with Him forever in Heaven.