



Paradise Lost
Text: Genesis 3:1-24
Series: Genesis, #3
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Theme: **Failure To Love God Brings Disaster.**

The Point Of Decision.

1. Love in Paradise. (2:16-17; 3:1-5; *See also* Deuteronomy 6:4-6)
2. The tempter and the temptation. (3:1-6)
3. The decision. (3:6)

The Consequences Of Decision.

1. Judgment in Paradise. (3:8-19)
2. Mercy in Paradise lost. (3:15, 21-24)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Genesis 3:1-24 with the view of this historical account as the real record of *Paradise Lost*. Make note of truth and questions you see about Adam and Eve, the choices they made and the consequences of those choices.

Tuesday. As indicated on Sunday, the central issue of the *Point of Decision* for Adam and Eve was their love for and trust in God (*cf.* Deuteronomy 6:5). Note again the deception of Satan. The first phase of his attack was to raise doubt about God's word (3:1b-3), and then he moved to a direct denial of God's word (3:4-5). Satan's forces use the same tactics with us. Make sure you are aware of and prepared for this ongoing strategy.

Wednesday. In 3:6 we see Eve's and Adam's response to temptation. Note again the progression of rationalization that Eve used. 1 Timothy 2:14 and 2 Corinthians 11:3 tells us Eve as deceived and sinned; Adam was not deceived and sinned. What can you learn from their relationship and sin that can help you withstand temptations?

Thursday. Because Adam and Eve sinned there was *Judgment in Paradise* which plunged them, their decedents and world into sin. While their sin was unique in its impact, sin always has a large and radiating impact. Go back to Deuteronomy 6:5 for the positive response to be lived out. Memorize this verse, if you have not already memorized it.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we plan to look at *Only one way ... but which way?* from Genesis chapters 4 & 5. Read through this section in preparation for our time of worship.