

# Your Kingdom Come: Lesson #7

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## **The Lie in the Garden**

*In the garden that God planted for Adam and Eve were many pleasant trees bearing fruit that was good to eat along with two special trees, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat freely of every tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, "for in the day that you eat thereof you shall die." The serpent, who was indwelt by Satan, came to Eve and lied to her, saying that if she ate the forbidden tree's fruit, she would not die, but would become like God knowing good and evil. Eve took the fruit, ate it, and gave some of it to Adam, who also ate some of it. That day when God visited the garden, instead of enjoying fellowship with God, in fear they hid themselves. Adam and Eve were then cast out of the garden, cut off from the tree of life. (Genesis 2:1-17)*

## **What were the lies that Adam and Eve believed?**

First, they believed the lie that God was not truthful, that He could not be trusted. Secondly, they believed that God was holding back something good from them and that He did not have their best interests at heart. Thirdly, they believed that they could be like God. In believing Satan's lies and eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve were rebelling against God. As a result, they lost their place in the garden and broke their relationship with God. They were cut off from the tree of life, and as a result, their bodies aged and died. In believing Satan, Adam and Eve gave Satan a place of influence over them. He is now the prince of darkness, the god of this world.

The harmony of creation was broken. Sin brought loss, disorder, and a broken relationship between God and man. Adam and Eve put themselves at the center, demanding their own way, cutting themselves off from God's life-giving ways. And because Adam and Eve had been given dominion over the earth, the effects of sin spread over all the earth bringing strife, corruption, and death. (Genesis 3:1-8; John 8:39-47)

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