

Genesis 2:15-17 New Living Translation (NLT)

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. **16** But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— **17** except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

Genesis 3:1-15

1 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” **2** “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. **3** “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” **4** “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. **5** “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” **6** The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. **7** At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. **8** When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man[a] and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. **9** Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” **10** He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” **11** “Who told you that you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” **13** Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.” **14** Then the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. **15** And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike[b] your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Questions:

1. What warning did God give man about the trees in the garden?
2. How did the serpent convince the woman to eat the forbidden fruit according to v5?
3. What is wrong with the serpent’s claim that they “will be like God” - Didn’t God create them in His image? Explain
4. What were the reasons the woman wanted to eat the fruit in v6?
5. How do these reasons relate to temptations you experience? Explain
6. What did the man and wife do when they heard God walking in the garden according to v8?
7. What excuse did the man give for eating the fruit in v12?
8. What excuse did the woman give for eating the fruit in v13?
9. Verse 15 is a poem or prophecy of how God will show grace to human rebellion through Jesus.

Who will strike the heel of Jesus(death on the cross)?

Who will strike the head of the serpent?
10. Explain how Christ will eventually restore our ability to have a relationship with God.