



Lesson Three: Covenant of Works

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, 15

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Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:1-7

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”



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Discussion Questions:

1. What does the command in Gen.2 signify? What are the dual sanctions of the covenant of works? What would've happened if Adam didn't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil?
2. Why did God allow the serpent to enter the garden?
3. How is Gen.3 a total rebellion against God?
4. What was the lie that the woman believed?
5. Once we no longer base truth on what God says what do we base truth upon?
6. Why did Adam & Eve not die for breaking the covenant of works?
7. If Jesus *didn't abandon* you in the garden – Why do you think *He will abandon you now* b/c of your sin?