

**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
Sunday School
Lesson**

Lesson for April 18
THE BEGINNING OF SIN

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 2:1-24.
GOLDEN TEXT—For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.—1 Cor. 15:22.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Adam and Eve Disobey God.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Result of Disobedience.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Playing With Temptation.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Temptation and the Fall.

A look out upon the world proves that man is not what he should be. It is not reasonable to suppose that man is now what he was when he came from the hands of the Creator, much less an improvement. The only way of accounting for this is by the historic fall of man as given in the Bible. The introduction of sin is the only answer.

1. Man's Probation (vv. 1-5).
1. The place.
It was the beautiful garden of Eden. Man's environment was suited to his nature. The tending of the second Adam was quite in contrast. Instead of in the garden of Eden with a companion suited unto him, it was in the wilderness with the wild beasts.

2. The necessity.
Adam was created with the possibility of character, but not with character. This he could get only through testing. Alternative choice makes character possible. Free will is what made Adam a real man. Character is the resultant of choice.

3. The means.
It was most simple—just one prohibition. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was forbidden.

4. The method.
Satan, a personal malicious being, appeared in the guise of a serpent. He did not appeal directly to the man. He chose to appeal to the woman through the serpent and through the woman to the man.

a. He found the woman while alone.
b. He insinuated doubt into Eve's mind as to God's Word and love. Satan's method is the same today. He tries to get people to doubt God's Word and then to doubt His love.

c. He appealed to innocent appetite. He argued that there would be no harm in eating but a great advantage.

d. Eve gazed upon that which God had forbidden and lusted after that which God had prohibited.

II. Man's Fall (vv. 6-8).
The steps in the fall seem to have been rapid. From doubting God's love Eve went to doubting His word. From gazing upon and lusting after that which God had prohibited there was but a short step to iniquity.

III. The Consequence of the Fall (vv. 9-24).
God's holy nature is such that when men sin, He at once manifests Himself on the scene.

1. A disturbed relationship with God (v. 8).
The introduction of sin marred man's familiar intercourse with the Almighty. Adam and Eve not only hid from God's presence, but when summoned by Him they began to make excuse, and Adam even laid the blame on God.

2. The degradation of the serpent, henceforth becoming the type of sin and Satan (v. 14; cf. Num. 21:9; John 3:14 and Rev. 12:9).
Satan's doom was pronounced without trial. In the case of the man it was not so, showing that this was not Satan's first offense.

3. The undying enmity between the seed of woman and the seed of the serpent (v. 15).
This bitter enmity has continued from that day to this.

4. The ultimate victory of the woman's seed (v. 15).
Satan harassed the woman's seed, but on the cross the final stroke was made which crushed his head (John 12:31; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8). This is the first gleam of the glorious gospel of Christ.

5. The judgment upon the woman (v. 16).
This relates primarily to her as a wife and mother.

6. Man's new relationship to the earth (vv. 17-19).
The earth was cursed on his account. Man must make an increased effort to exist. With his sinful nature, man would be in a bad state without the necessity of toil.

7. Death (v. 19).
This includes spiritual and physical death. Sin brought all.

8. Expulsion from the garden (v. 24).
Then man's nature was changed, out from the beautiful garden, he went.

**BAPTISTS READY;
GREAT ADVANCE**

April Ingathering For Co-operative Program is Feature of Forward Move.

PLAN FOR BIG CONVENTION

Special Emphasis is Laid On Spiritual Preparation for Gathering of Forces at Houston May 12-16

Conditions favor a distinct advance on the part of Southern Baptists in 1926 along many lines, according to information received by the headquarters of the Co-operative Program Commission of Southern Baptists.

This body, charged by the Southern Baptist Convention and various state conventions with providing adequate support for foreign missions, home missions, ministerial relief and Baptist schools, hospitals and orphanages, is seeking to so increase and stabilize the income of the de-



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nomination as to provide adequately for all these enterprises through a regular budget. In this connection the Commission is seeking to enlist as nearly as possible every member of every church in making regular weekly and monthly offerings to this general budget which is distributed among these seven causes on percentages proportionate to their various needs.

Approximately \$9,200,000 for these objects was received during 1925. It is announced, but inasmuch as only \$4,698,000 of this amount was in distributable funds some of the objects suffered for lack of sufficient cash. Under the leadership of the Commission a definite effort is being made to secure as much or more money as was contributed in 1925, but in undesignated amounts so that each cause will get its proportionate share.

Receipts By States
The receipts for 1925 through the various state offices were as follows: Alabama, \$352,308.67; Arkansas, \$229,333.66; District of Columbia, \$48,000; Florida, \$223,665.88; Georgia, \$480,868.54; Illinois, \$31,051.17; Kentucky, \$514,300.01; Louisiana, \$312,499.70; Maryland, \$91,200.00; Mississippi, \$580,736.76; Missouri, \$230,844.13; New Mexico, \$38,981.64; North Carolina, \$691,713.44; Oklahoma, \$137,389.01; South Carolina, \$424,584.70; Tennessee, \$390,287.44; Texas, \$373,497.96; and Virginia, \$948,066.05. The remainder of the \$9,200,000 received in 1925 consisted largely of special gifts to foreign missions and the building fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

An outstanding feature of this effort of the Commission is a special cash ingathering for the month of April, when every one of the nearly 4,000,000 white Baptists of the South will be asked to make as generous an offering as possible to the whole Co-operative Program, this money to be distributed proportionately among the seven general causes embraced therein.

Convention Prospects Good
In the event this April ingathering attains the goal set for it, it will make it possible for the various Southwide Baptist enterprises to report great relief in their financial situation to the Southern Baptist Convention at its session in Houston, Texas, May 12-16.

The committee on program for this year's convention, in the hope of giving that session the largest possible spiritual emphasis, has arranged for a special season of prayer and worship in the Convention auditorium at Houston for Tuesday evening, May 11th, preceding the opening of the Convention on Wednesday morning. At this preliminary service J. Fred Scholfield of Birmingham, Ala., will lead the song service; Dr. W. A. McComb of Gulfport, Miss., will lead the prayer meeting and Dr. H. R. Holcomb of Mansfield, Tex., will preach a brief sermon. Another innovation in this year's Convention program calls for the closing of each morning and evening session with a brief sermon by a representative pastor. Dr. Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, Tenn., will deliver the main Convention sermon on Wednesday morning.

A Letter from Daddy



During the war, John S. Stevenson, of Vinland, N. J., was gassed, which caused his death. But before "passing on" he wrote seventeen letters to his son Dick, who is now age five. Every birthday, until he is twenty-one, "Dicky" will receive a letter from Daddy, to guide his steps in avoiding youths' pitfalls. The last letter will be sent him on his wedding day.

**PROTECT APPLE CROP
BY SPRAYING IN TIME**

Raleigh, N. C., April 12.—Indications are that this will be one of the best seasons for heavy apple production in several years and growers are urged to spray the fruit thoroughly and at the right time to save this crop and produce a high quality of fruit.

G. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College, is spending his time this spring with the fruit growers of the State and finds that if the apple crop is protected by spraying this year, the growers should make money. Especially is it important to spray for control of the codling moth or apple worm. Last year, he states, very few of the worms were killed by sprays. The moth emerged all during the year instead of at two definite periods and more worms entered winter quarters than usual. These worms will soon emerge as moths, will lay eggs, producing worms which eat into the apples and will cause tremendous damage.

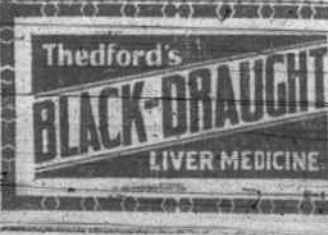
"The codling moth larvae or worms pass the winter in cocoons beneath the bark of apple trees, under trash and in cracks in the ground. The larvae transform to pupae just before blooming time. This stage lasts about one month when the moth emerges and begins to deposit eggs on the leaves. The young worms bore into the blossom end of the apple and eat to the core. They feed in the apple about one month and leave the fruit, crawling down the trunk to begin the life cycle all over again.

"To control the moth, growers must use arsenate of lead poison applied at the proper time. The powdered form is used and the poison is applied at the rate of 1-1-2 pounds of arsenate to 50 gallons of water. Mix two pounds of lime with each pound of lead arsenate before adding the arsenate of lead to the spray. The most important time for the codling moth spray is when seven-eighths of the blossom petals have fallen. This is very important."

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**Some Nitrate
Results
Last Year**

Year in and year out, Nitrate of Soda makes money for thousands of planters.
G. M. Adams, Smith County, Texas, produced 8081 pounds of net lint on a 5-acre plot and won the State Contest together with \$1700 in prizes. For each acre, he mixed 400 pounds of Nitrate of Soda, 700 pounds of Acid and 100 pounds of Muriate of Potash, and applied it two weeks before planting.
Claude Craighead, a 13-year-old boy of Athens, Louisiana, made 1323 pounds of lint on one acre of land and won the State Boys' Championship. His net profit was at the rate of \$172.35 an acre. He used 600 pounds of Nitrate, 1200 pounds of Acid and 400 pounds of Kainit.

Elsner Beall, a high school boy, of Wilson, Arkansas, has won the State Cotton Growing Championship in two successive years. In 1924, he used 200 pounds of Nitrate per acre at planting and 100 pounds when the cotton was knee-high. His yield averaged 752 pounds of lint per acre. Last year, he raised the early Nitrate application to 300 pounds and got 1008 pounds of lint per acre.
The Mississippi Cotton Production Contest was held in two sections, the Hill and the Delta. In the former, Will Terry, of Jackson, won with an average acre yield of 4507 pounds of seed cotton. He used 200 pounds of Nitrate of Soda as a side dressing, in addition to his other fertilizers. In the Delta section, Earl Love, of Dods-ville, and Dr. S. W. Johnson, of Vicksburg, produced the largest average yields of seed cotton, 4201 and 4177 pounds, respectively.

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