

Sunday School Lesson
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We should note also that they did not originate within man, the creature made in the divine image. The Scripture states that one of the lower creatures, the serpent, introduced temptation.

The Results of Sin

When the serpent tempted the first man and woman to disobey God, he promised more than the forbidden fruit could accomplish. "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3: 4b-5)

But when they ate of the tree, they did not become like God. Rather, they became ashamed of their nakedness. They became aware of their sexual nature and put on loincloths to cover themselves. They hid themselves from God lest he see their loin coverings and know that they had become ashamed of sexuality. Their disobedience thus became an experience of shame, an awareness of guilt and sin, and a sense of alienation from the natural world, which does not evidence shame about sex, and from God.

The man and the woman did not become like God, for God does not experience good and evil. He is beyond and above such knowing. Becoming more unlike God, the man and the woman were therefore separated from him and expelled from the garden to a life of hard labor and to ultimate death.

Living outside the garden of God means that weeds and thorns grow. It means that the distinction between wild beasts and tamed ones is enmity. The ardent desire for conception is marred by the pain that accompanies birth. God becomes remote and hidden from man's eyes; and since the tree of life in God's garden is no longer accessible, death is inevitable. Immortality cannot be known by man apart from, and certainly not in spite of, God.

In a short space, the biblical writer thus testifies that because man, who originally stood beyond and above categories of good and evil, defied his Maker, all creation has gone astray. Man separated from God knows existence only as temporary, full of confusion and uncertainty, freighted with good and evil.

Man's shame of his nakedness and sexuality and his fear of God are bound together with the eating of the divinely forbidden fruit. Therefore it is little wonder that man later came to regard sexual activity either as immoral and ungodly and thus to be shunned or as sacred and thus to be made the focus of a religion of sex and fertility. The second attitude

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MRS. JESSIE O. MITCHELL
Mrs. Jessie Owens Mitchell of 1623 Dare Ct., died Sunday, July 19 at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 23, 1970 at 4:00 P.M. from Hargett Memorial Chapel, with Rev. J. E. McCoy, officiating. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Park.

Survivors are: one daughter, Mrs. Mamie Weatherspoon of Greensboro, N. C., two brothers, James Owens of Cleveland, Ohio and Henry Owens of Sylvester, Ga., one son-in-law, John W. Witherspoon of Greensboro, N. C., seven grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and a host of neices and nephews.

Hargett Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

MRS. HATTIE P. WILSON
Mrs. Hattie Poston Wilson, age 66 of 300 Camel St. died Wednesday, July 15 at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital after 8 months of illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 19, at 2:00 P.M. from Hargett Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. J. W. Tynes, officiating. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

Survivors are: one son, Elsworth Wilson of Alexandria, Va., two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Leath of Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. Novella Cornwell of Shelby, N. C., one brother, Lonnie Poston of the home, one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Wilson of Alexandria, Va., two brothers-in-law, Everett Leath of Greensboro, N. C. and Curtis Wilson of Alexandria, Va., three grandchildren, one great grandchild, a host of neices, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Hargett Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

MR. T. MCKINLEY GRAVES
Mr. Thadeus McKinley Graves, age 67 of 731 Jordan St., died Thursday, July 16 at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 19, 1970 at 4:00 P.M. from Hargett Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in White Oak Grove Cemetery.

Survivors are: wife, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell Graves, of the home, one sister, Mrs. Margie Kennedy, of Greensboro, N. C., a host of nephews, neices, and friends.

Hargett Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

MR. JOE ROBINSON
Mr. Joe Robinson, brother of Mrs. Clara McCauley and Mrs. Hazel Murphey, of Greensboro, N. C., died Sunday, July 19, at

a Veteran's Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 25 at 2:30 P.M. from Hargett Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow in Maplewood Cemetery, with full military rites.

Survivors are: four sisters, Mrs. Clara McCauley and Mrs. Hazel Murphey both of Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. Reatha Robinson of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Edell Spearman of Wilmington, N. C., three brothers, Paul Robinson of Washington, D. C., Theodore Robinson of Miami, Fla. and James Robinson of Charlotte, N. C.

Hargett Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Hospital Sick List DISCHARGES

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- Miss Jacqueline Harris
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- Mr. Elbert Crumpton
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— 415 Penry Rd.
- Mrs. Sandra Taylor
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