



The man and woman reject God as king and refuse to live under his rule. Rejecting the responsibilities means losing the benefits. They are thrown out of God's kingdom which is a problem for them and a problem for God's plan for the world. People have a sin problem and continue to be snake-hearted, forming and filling the earth with chaos, death and darkness.

Video Summary

God commands the man and woman not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. A snake tempts them and they eat, rejecting God as king. Rather than accepting God's definition of good and evil and trusting him, they're ignoring God's definition, asserting themselves over his rule and trusting themselves. This is sin.

God throws them out of the Garden, out of his kingdom. They can no longer eat from the Tree of Life. Rejecting the responsibilities of living in God's kingdom means losing the benefits.

When people are disconnected and distanced from God, they lose life as it's supposed to be. Everything becomes incomplete and fractured, including relationship with ourselves and relationships with others.

People no longer reflect and represent God, they no longer establish his kingdom. As a result, God's plan for a worldwide kingdom everywhere for everyone is in danger.

God says there will be ongoing tension between Team Human and Team Snake that will be ended by a future Snake Crusher — a human descendant who will once and for all destroy the Snake.

As generations unfold, people repeatedly side with Team Snake. The pattern is clear: instinctively we are snake-hearted and bring chaos, death and darkness into the world. We all have a sin problem.

Discussion Questions

- 1** Sin is trusting ourselves rather than trusting God. How does this view of sin differ from other ways people define it? How does it shape your own thinking?
- 2** Why do you think people are so instinctively drawn to making their own definition of good and evil and choosing their own way?
- 3** Why does rejecting the responsibilities of living in God's kingdom mean losing the benefits? How are the two intrinsically connected?
- 4** The story shows that the root cause of problems in the world is disconnection and distance from God. What other causes do people put forward? How might they relate back to that disconnection and distance?

Bible Passages for Further Study

Genesis 3 — The man and the woman reject God and are thrown out of the Garden

