



THE STORY OF THE WORLD

RISE AND FALL

GENESIS – PART ONE

OCTOBER 11TH / THE TRUE NATURE OF SIN / GENESIS 3:1-24
The root of all sin is the desire to live independently of God.

Genesis 3:1-24 is one of the central teachings in the Bible on the nature of sin. However, it is not so much defined here as depicted. It's not seen here as being primarily about wrong actions but about a failed trust that alienates us from God, ourselves, and others.

READ GENESIS 3:1-10.

1. How would you define sin in your own words?
2. What does the opening section of this chapter suggest to you about the nature of sin?
3. What is the serpent implying here in his question (Genesis 3:1)?
4. What does the serpent not say about the human knowledge of evil (Genesis 3:5)? How does it differ from God's knowledge of evil (Genesis 3:22)? (see Mark 7:21-23)
5. What are the motivations or beliefs that underlie the woman's action here (Genesis 3:6)? (see 1 John 2:15-17)
6. What is the immediate negative consequence of this action that precedes God's judgments (Genesis 3:10)?
7. How does this depiction of human sin play out in your life today?

HOLY SPIRIT, HELP ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY SIN AND OBEY GOD'S WORD FOR MY LIFE TODAY.