

# LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

## 10. THE ORIGIN OF SIN

The easiest strategy that the enemy uses to separate us from the love of our Eternal Father is to make us doubt His goodness for us; His plan and therefore His Word.

**The snake replied, "That's not true; you will not die."**

*Genesis 3:4 GNT*

**That was the first temptation that is the origin to the first sin: believing that God lies, that He is not good and doubting God's good intentions for us.**



***"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."***

*Genesis 3:5 NLT*

God had warned that we should not know good and bad and that we should trust Him. This instruction from God had a purpose; to take care of us. However Satan manipulated the context to make us doubt our Father's good plan.

The lie that Satan proposed is as if we decided that our children should try all the drugs, liquor and sex available; so that once they have tried it all, they can differentiate the good from the bad. Of course it is not like that and on the contrary, they would do themselves great harm.

That disobedience meant turning one's back on the love of God and submitting all the power and authority that He had given to human beings, to the authority of a totally perverse being instead.



***For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.***

*John 8:44 NLT*

That disobedience meant renouncing our Father in order to begin living under another authority. Let us remember that for God, love means obedience and trust in Him. So by not trusting Him and deciding to obey another; it causes us to stray from His will, His Kingdom and His house.

***Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.***

*Romans 6:16 NLT*

We went from being children of God to being slaves of our enemy, the devil, because of not believing and distrusting the love of our Eternal Father. Although this originated with Adam and Eve, unfortunately it spread throughout humanity; subjecting all creation to live separated from the love of God. **All the sins and all the evil in the world originated there; in Disbelief.**

***When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.***

*Romans 5:12 NIV*

**All sin and all forms of evil are the result of not believing in the love of our Eternal Father and not believing in His Word, therefore not obeying it. We are all born in sin; separated from the love of the Father and that is why we all need to be saved from our condition.**

### **Study questions**

1. Meditate for a few minutes on what it means to have been separated from our Father's love because of unbelief.
2. Have you thought that the knowledge of good and evil was a matter of mere logic and not what the Word of God says?
3. Have you considered that general knowledge is the best compass for life; omitting the absolute Truth of His Word?
4. Write in your planner or notebook how you understand and define our Father's loving instruction about not eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
5. Write in your planner or notebook how you think unbelief or doubt has affected your relationship with your Heavenly Father.