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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## A Reckless Choice Genesis 3:1-13

### Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson examines how **A Reckless Choice** to disobey God caused man to fall from God's favor. The **study's aim** is to remember that disobedience to God leads to broken fellowship with Him. The **study's application** is to realize that if we seek God's blessing, then we must be prepared to obey Him in all things.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

### Lesson Introduction and Background

My friend Sandi and I were late. We were both section leaders of the band. Our previous director had left, and we had yet to meet the new one. It was the first day of band camp. We had seven minutes to make a trip that normally took fifteen. What did we do? I am guessing that most of you know. Did we drive safely and arrive late? We did not. Instead, we turned up the radio, gunned the engine, and careened down the roads at breakneck speed. We arrived with a minute to spare, peeling into the parking lot and causing people to stare. Have you ever made a decision like that one? I suspect that most of us would admit that we have. Whether it stems from youthful folly, thoughtlessness, or something else, each of us has made choices that were not the wisest. Such was the case with Adam and Eve. They ran into the earth's first devious salesman. Picture the situation. Eve was young and naive. The devil came to Eve, speaking words that sounded logical. He gave her a reason why she could not do without the fruit of that one tree. He gave her a false line, leading her to believe that things would be better if she and Adam would just eat. We all are thinking that we would not fall for this. But let us be honest with ourselves. Have we not all fallen for a similar lie at some point or other? Has Satan ever prompted you into what you knew was sin, yet you made the choice to do it anyway? The reality is that we all have fallen into this trap. It is easy to condemn Adam and Eve, until we look back at ourselves. We all are prone to sin (cf. 1 Kings 8:46). In our fleshly nature we are vulnerable to it. Adam and Eve were prey to Satan's enticements, and we can be pulled into his web as well. How do we combat this? First, we need to remember that believers do not live under the dominion of the sinful flesh. We have been given a new nature when we receive Christ and are regenerated. Because of this, we already have victory. Second, we need to be aware when Satan is knocking on the door of our hearts and minds. Scripture tells us that he seeks to devour us (1 Pet. 5:8). His suggestions will have persuasive power. Many of them may seem harmless at the time. We might even think that what he suggests is the right thing to do. That is why we must put on God's armor to protect us (cf. Eph. 6:11-13). When we protect ourselves with God's armor, we are able to discern Satan's attacks and stand against them. We can be steadfast when we are tempted. What if we have already made a bad choice? We can seek forgiveness for it. We may not be able to undo all the consequences, but we can repent of our sinful decisions and trust God to be gracious. Are you feeling tempted? Have you already fallen into reckless behavior? God can redeem and rescue you. He is always there, so seek Him and ask for His help.

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

God's commandments were given to fulfill us, not to frustrate us

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

Lord, help us to obey Your Word,  
To heed Your still, small voice;  
And may we not be swayed by men,  
But make Your will our choice

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

*16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

*(Gen 2:16-17 NKJV)*

*(from "Our Daily Bread", July 2, 2009)*

**New Series: Beginnings**

**UNIT: The Beginning of  
Human History**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Dreadful Consequences**

**(Gen 3:14-24)**

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **The Temptation (Gen 3:1-5)**

#### *The question to raise doubt (1)*

Doubt through Satan who leads the world astray (Rev 12:9)

Doubt through being a stumbling block (Matt 16:23)

Doubt through worldly shrewdness (Luke 16:8)

Doubt through using earthly wisdom (James 3:15)

#### *The half thought out response (2-3)*

A response to a liar (John 8:44)

A response to a deceiving spirit (1 Tim 4:1)

A response that should have sensed danger (Prov 22:3)

A response should have been shunned (Prov 14:16)

A response given without being alert and self-controlled (1 Thess 5:2-7)

#### *The questioning of God's Word (4-5)*

Satan uses half-truths (Gen 3:22)

Beware of questioning God because of God's power (Isa 40:13-14)

Beware of questioning God because of my lack of understanding (Job 42:3)

Beware of questioning God because God's knowledge is well beyond mine (Ps 139:4-6)

Beware of questioning God because God is my creator (Rom 9:20-21)

Beware of questioning God because God's ways are just (Ezek 18:25-27)

### **Making the Wrong Choice (Gen 3:6-7)**

#### *Satan's age-old temptation technique (6)*

The 3 ways Satan tempts us (1 John 2:16)

Stages of Sin (James 1:13-15)

Adam was not deceived, but "willfully" disobeyed God (1 Tim 2:14)

#### *The transgression of Sin (7)*

Man's view of things are warped by sin (Rom 8:6-8)

God created man holy, man decided to sin (Eccl 7:29)

God's absolute truth (eyes opened) reveals sin (Rom 7:7)

Sin is known through God's Word (Rom 4:15)

Sin entered the world through Adam (Rom 5:12-13)

Sin causes us to become self-conscience (Gen 2:25)

### **The Ruin and Results of Sin (Gen 3:8-13)**

#### *God's Conviction (8)*

We are convicted through the Holy Spirit (John 16:8)

We are convicted by our consciences (Rom 2:15)

We are convicted when God see our sins (Job 34:21-23)

We are convicted when we understand that God knows us (Ps 139:1-5)

#### *Fear (9-10)*

The spirit of fear comes from Satan (2 Tim 1:7)

God gave us a Spirit of sonship not fear (Rom 8:15)

Knowledge of sin brings on fear of penalties (Matt 10:28)

Satan uses "preconceived punishments" as a tool (1 Kings 19:13-14)

#### *Judgement (11)*

God judges us through our consciences (1 Cor 4:4-5)

God judges based on His Word (Rom 10:4-5)

Jesus will judge things we have done in the body (2 Cor 5:10)

We are judged through the reminding of the law (John 14:26)

#### *The excuses and blaming of others (12-13)*

Moses gave the excuse that he couldn't talk (Exodus 4:10-12)

Aaron gave the excuse of peer pressure (Exodus 32:21-24)

Excuses make one unfit for service (Luke 9:59-62)

Excuses could cause missing God's invitations (Luke 14:21-25)