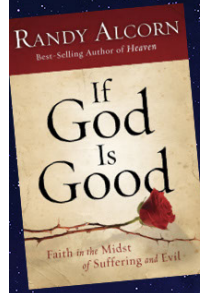


“The problem of evil lies at the very heart of the biblical account and serves as the crux of the unfolding drama of redemption. The first act of human evil moved God to bring decisive judgment while simultaneously unveiling His master plan. To complete our redemption—as well as that of the entire fallen creation—

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He sets in motion His strategy of incarnation, atoning death, resurrection and ultimate return... The Bible never sugarcoats evil... The Christian worldview concerning the central problem is utterly unique and deals with evil and suffering.”
—Randy Alcorn, *If God is Good*

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¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said,

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‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

—Genesis 3:1-7 ^{ESV}

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Five Facts Surrounding the Fall:

Fact 1—Satan

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¹²“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

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¹⁵But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. ¹⁶Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?’” —Isaiah 14:12-17 ^{ESV}

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But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

—2 Corinthians 11:3 ^{ESV}

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Five Facts Surrounding the Fall:

Fact 2—Sin

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Various Words for Sin in Scripture:

- miss the mark (Romans 3:23)
- go astray; wander off course (1 Cor. 6:9)
- pursue harm (Matthew 5:45, “unjust”)
- slide, fall, trip (Galatians 6:1)
- transgress; “no trespassing;” rebellion
- dismiss the law (1 Timothy 1:9)
- choose wickedness (Romans 1:18)

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Five Facts Surrounding the Fall:

Fact 3—Shame

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—Genesis 3:7 ESV

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Five Facts Surrounding the Fall:

Fact 4—Self-Consciousness

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⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

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¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

—Genesis 3:8-11 ESV

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Five Facts Surrounding the Fall:

Fact 5—Substitution

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And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
—Genesis 3:21 ESV

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“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

—Genesis 3:15 ESV

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¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

—Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV

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The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

—1 John 3:8b ESV

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¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one Man's obedience the many will be made righteous. —Romans 5:18-19 ESV

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