

GOD WILL DESTROY THE SNAKE WHO LIED TO ADAM AND EVE.

A Crushing Promise

God knew what had happened with Adam, Eve, and the snake. God asked Adam if he had eaten the fruit from the forbidden tree. God always knows the answers to the questions He asks us, but He gives us a chance to give an answer that will show how we feel about what we did. But Adam didn't tell the truth or ask for forgiveness or say how sorry he was. No, that's not what he did at all. He blamed Eve, and then Eve blamed the snake.

All this blaming happened because Adam's and Eve's hearts had changed when they disobeyed God.

Because their hearts changed, they couldn't truly obey God anymore, and there would be punishments for what they had done.

Oh, they would die. God had told the truth when He said Adam and Eve would die if they ate that fruit. But it was worse than that. Before they died, they would have all sorts of trouble and hurt and sadness. Before they ate the forbidden fruit, there had never been any sadness in the world. When they had eaten the fruit, their hearts had become hard. And hard hearts can't hear, obey, or love God. In fact, the only thing hard hearts can do is disobey God and someday die, which makes lots of sadness. God had made Adam and Eve with soft hearts that were like His and could hear Him, obey Him, and love Him. But now that was different, and it wasn't just going to be different for Adam and Eve. Because they were the very first people and the very first parents in the whole world, the kind of hearts they had were going to be the kind of hearts that all the rest of us would have.

