

What shows us that she did? (Vs. 2, 3.) And we nearly always know what we ought to do, and what we ought not to do. Conscience tells us, and the Bible tells us. When the tempter sees that the woman knows what God meant, what does he do? He says that God's words are not true, v. 4. And what reward does he hold out if the woman disobeys God?

Now comes the story of the Fall. Bring out by questions the downward steps which the woman takes. She allows herself to think over the forbidden thing,—a most dangerous step. How does the forbidden tree appeal to her? (V. 6.) Notice that as soon as she has eaten, she immediately tries to get her husband to sin along with her. Point out how true this is to human nature. Did the man sin too? Did either of them *need* to sin? Is temptation sin? May any of us hope to escape temptation? Not even Jesus escaped. What turns temptation into sin? Listening to it, and following its suggestion.

Now bring out the results of the first sin—again by questioning. Had the man and his wife been afraid of God up to the present? How do we know they were afraid after they had sinned? Sin always makes us afraid of God, v. 8. The man and his wife thought that they could actually hide themselves from God. Was that a foolish thought? Does God always know just where we are and what we are doing? When is it a comforting thought? When is it an uncomfortable one? Was the psalmist sad or glad when he wrote Ps. 139:1-12? What cowardly thing does the man do? (V. 12.) Do we ever blame others for our own sins?

What was the punishment which followed the first sin? Think of all that these two lost in being shut out of Eden. The man had work to do in the garden, but what was the difference between the work there, and the work outside? (V. 23.) Bring out last of all the fact that punishment, like one's shadow following him, always follows sin.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

[SEE MAP ON PAGE 3 OF COVER]

When we read in the Genesis story of Adam how "the Lord God sent him forth . . . to till the ground," we seldom realize that to this very day men are tilling the ground in that same valley where Eden bloomed.

For centuries past, little rain has fallen there, but the farmers make river water serve their purpose. You can see how they do it if you use a stereograph made at the edge of a farm beside the Euphrates.

Directly before you two men are working a curious piece of machinery. A framework has been built at the edge of the high bank

and from it you notice a couple of big leather buckets hung by ropes. The horses, which you see, move down a path away from the river, and so pull up the filled buckets to a point where the water can be emptied into a little irrigation ditch. This part of the ditch is higher than the rest of the field behind us, so the water can be made to run where it is needed for any particular crop.

Use a stereograph entitled, *Irrigation by the Euphrates, Where Men Have Toiled Ever Since Adam left Eden.*

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

To question God's commands is a first step toward sin. v. 1.

It is not lack of knowledge of what is right that usually leads us astray. vs. 2, 3.

Sin always makes fine promises. v. 5.

"The sin they do by two and two they must pay for one by one." v. 6.

There is nothing which separates us from God so surely as a guilty conscience. v. 8.

It is impossible to escape God. v. 9.

God puts His finger unerringly upon the heart's sore. v. 11.

It is the coward's course to blame another for his own sin. v. 12.