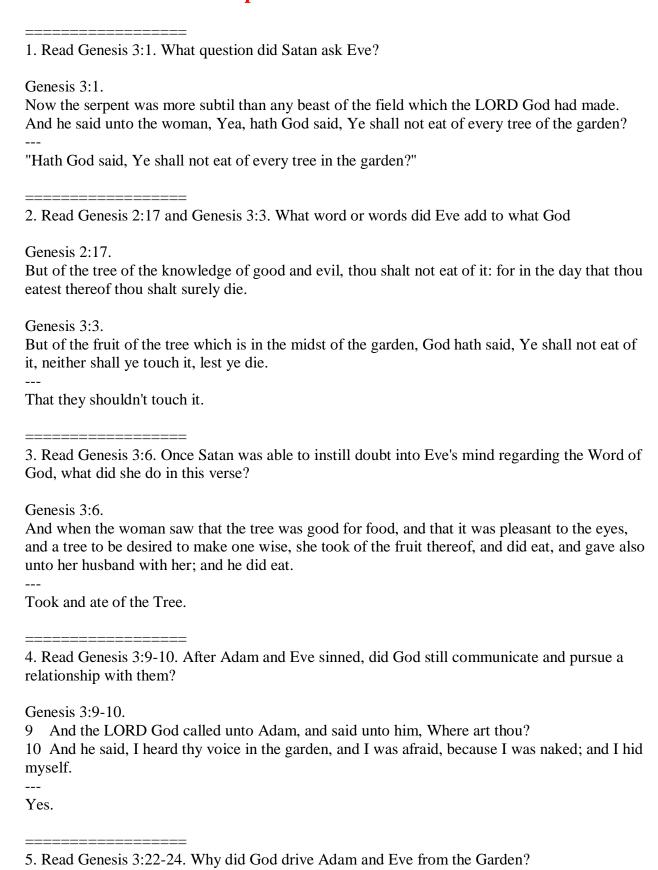
LESSON 4. Relationship With God.



Genesis 3:22-24.

- 22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. So they wouldn't eat from the tree of life and live forever in a sinful state. 6. Can you see that this was an act of mercy by God rather than a punishment? Yes. 7. Read Romans 5:17. How do we attain God's abundance of grace and gift of righteousness? Romans 5:17. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) ---Receive it. 8. Read Romans 6:23. What do we really deserve if we sin? Romans 6:23. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Death. 9. By grace, what does God give us instead? Eternal life in Jesus.

10. Read Romans 10:3. If we try to establish our own righteousness before God, what do we fail to do?

Romans 10:3.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Submit to Jesus as our righteousness.

11. Read 1 John 1:9 and Romans 4:3. What does God promise to do with ALL our sins and iniquities against Him if we would only believe?

1 John 1:9.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Remove them, forget them, and forgive them.

12. What does this tell you about the character of God?

That He is merciful and loving.