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# *Sin*



The Bible teaches us that in the beginning of time God created man and woman in a perfect state, a paradise on earth called Eden. The first several chapters of Genesis tell how God put that first couple in the garden to enjoy its delights and walk in close fellowship with Him. In that happy place there was no sickness, no pain, and no sorrow. The problems of the world as we know them today did not exist. In the garden was a tree called "The Tree of Life." As long as Adam and Eve ate from it they would never die.

In order to give man a choice in living with God, another tree was placed in the garden that was not to be touched. God told Adam and Eve, "You shall not eat from it or touch it lest you die." See Genesis 3:3. Most people know what happened. Eve ate fruit from the forbidden tree and then shared it with Adam and he ate. This first disobedience was called "sin." As a result, Adam and Eve and all who came after them lost their paradise home. They were banned from access to the tree of life. Death became a reality.

Adam and Eve had their problem with sin, but they were not the only ones as this lesson will show. Answer each question carefully, getting the answers right from your own Bible. (Numbers in parentheses are page numbers for the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD NEW TESTAMENT, paperback edition, published by the International Bible Society.)

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## 1. What, according to the Bible, is sin?

I John 3:4 (258)

James 4:17 (248)

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## 2. Whom does the Bible say has sinned?

Isaiah 53:6 <sup>1</sup>

Romans 3:23 (167)

Romans 5:12 (169)

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## 3. What are some of the sins named in the Bible?

Romans 1:28-32 (165)

Galatians 5:19-21 (207)

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## 4. What are some sins people do today? (Give your own ideas)

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## 5. What is the penalty for sin today, according to the Bible?

Romans 6:23 (170)

Revelation 21:8 (278)

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## 6. Have you ever sinned?

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## 7. Can sin be pardoned?

Isaiah 1:18 <sup>2</sup>

Matthew 1:21 (1)

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<sup>1</sup>*"All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him."*

<sup>2</sup> *"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool."*