

**WHY DO
BAD
THINGS
HAPPEN?**



Everything God made was perfect. The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, lived in the beautiful garden that God had made for them. God told them that they could eat fruit from every tree in the garden, except one. They were not to eat fruit from a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This was the only rule that God gave them. Obeying that rule would show that Adam and Eve loved the God who had given them life and everything they needed.

God has an enemy called the devil. He hates God and everything that is good. The devil tempted Eve to eat some of the fruit that God had said she must not eat. He made it seem that God was not allowing her to have something that was good. Eve listened, then she looked at the fruit, then she put her hand out and took some fruit. Eve ate the fruit and gave some to Adam and he ate it as well.

Adam and Eve felt very ashamed. They heard God's voice and they tried to hide

among the trees. Adam and Eve's disobedience was how sin (doing wrong things) came into the world. It was sin that brought illness and death, jealousy, hatred, wars and worst of all, it is like a big wall between us and God.

God knows what is best for us. Bad things happen in our world because we go our own way, instead of God's way. The day that Adam and Eve disobeyed God, was a very sad day. Their children, and everyone born into the world since that day, except

God's Son, Jesus, have sinful hearts and do wrong things.

God had told Adam that those who sin, will die. Adam and Eve's bodies did not die the day they sinned, but something in them did die. That part of them that could know and love God died, because they had sinned against Him.

Just when it seemed that everything that God made had been spoiled, God gave a promise. Adam and Eve could not put things right, but God promised to send Someone who

could. God promised Someone who would take sin's punishment for everyone who would trust in Him. All through the Old Testament, there are many reminders of God's promise. When it was the right time, God's Son, Jesus, came from heaven into our world. He was the Promised One, who is able to save us from sin and death. Through trusting in Him, we can know our sin forgiven and then we will know God as our loving Father and Jesus as our dearest Friend.

©Jean Stapleton

All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his
own way...

Isaiah chapter 53 verse 6 (NKJV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the
gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord

Romans chapter 6 verse 23 (NKJV)



For further information please get in touch
using the contact form on—
www.oneagleswings.me.uk

