

II. The Usurpation of the Kingdom

To the mankind, Genesis 3 is a woefully chapter. For as described in this chapter, our ancestors whom God so loved abused their free will and succumbed to the enticement of Satan. They disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. Their fall brought the whole mankind with them, becoming a sinful, rebellious race.

Satan was created by God as a mighty angel. Instead of being grateful and loyal to God, he was puffed up because of his extraordinary gifts and power, and wanted to be equal with God. He rebelled against God (Isaiah 14:12-15), thus fell and became enemy of God.

Satan knew that he could not overcome God in a direct confrontation, so he turned to destroying God's creation. Since Adam and Eve were the master pieces of God's creation, they became Satan's first target. Being too weak to resist Satan's temptation, they disobeyed God and were expelled from the Garden of Eden and were denied the access to the Tree of Life.

God's people should have been His obedient children. Instead, they have been separated from the house of God and live under Satan's dominion (John 14:30). Satan has usurped God's rule in people's hearts and corrupted them!