

A A promising beginning.

- ❖ God used a theoretical-practical method to teach Adam and Eve.
 - They were assigned practical responsibilities: to look after the animals (Gn. 1:28; 2:19) and to take care of the garden (Gn. 2:15).
 - The angels played an important role in their theoretical education. Besides, God met with them every afternoon to teach them personally (Gn. 3:8).

B An external influence.

- ❖ God created an environment that was “very good” (Gn. 1:31) and filled with “every tree that is pleasant to the sight” (Gn. 2:9). The students “were not ashamed” (Gn. 2:25).
- ❖ Nevertheless, a “cunning” being came to Eve and denied God’s clear statements. It encouraged her to doubt of God’s intention (Gn. 3:1-5). He introduced God as:
 - Restrictive, prohibiting good things.
 - Afraid of Adam and Eve reaching a superior level of knowledge.
 - A liar, lying about the consequences of eating from that tree.

C The decision of the students.

- ❖ What could have Eve done when doubt came to her mind?
- ❖ It was reasonable to talk to God about it because she could talk to Him directly. She could ask Him about the serpent’s accusations. He could also ask Adam for help. But she didn’t.
- ❖ Adam didn’t even think about the tree. He just decided to share Eve’s fate. Both used their free will badly.

D The decision of the Teacher.

- ❖ Then the students could no longer remain in His presence. Before expelling them, God assured them that Redemption would come (Genesis 3:15).
- ❖ He assigned new tasks to them, so they could keep learning. He also gave them new ways to communicate with Him.
- ❖ We are descendants of Adam and Eve. We can learn as they did through prayer, service, and Bible study.
- ❖ Our learning goal is to rebuild God’s image in our lives, growing in the Christian virtues (2 Peter 1:3-11).

E Keep learning.

- ❖ Those learning must submit to the teacher’s authority. This authority is necessary and must be respected.
- ❖ As Christians, we learn from pastors and teachers (Hebrews 13:17), and we should acknowledge their authority. But they must be assessed so they don’t introduce heresy to the flock (2 Peter 2:1).
- ❖ Adam and Eve disregarded God’s authority and submitted to a deceitful one.
- ❖ In order to keep learning, we must submit to God’s Word and to those authorized by it.

THE FIRST SCHOOL

How was the first school of humanity organized?

THE CLASSROOM



The
Garden of
Eden

THE TEXTBOOK



Nature

THE TEACHER



The
Creator

THE STUDENTS



Adam and
Eve