Adam and Eve

Genesis 1–3; Moses 2–4

And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Genesis 3:20

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman to live on the earth (see Genesis 1:27; 2:7, 21–22; 3:20). God blessed them and told them to have children (see Genesis 1:28). Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden, where they could talk with and see Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ (see Genesis 2:8).

There were many trees in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam and Eve they could eat fruit from all the trees except one: the tree of knowledge of good and evil. “Nevertheless,” the Lord said, “thou mayest choose for thyself . . . ; but, remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Moses 3:17; see also Genesis 2:9, 16–17; Moses 3:9, 16).

Satan came to the garden and tempted Eve to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eve told Satan that the Lord had commanded her and Adam not to eat it or they would be cast out of the garden to die. (See Genesis 3:1–3; Moses 4:8–9.)

Satan lied, telling Eve, “Ye shall not surely die” (Genesis 3:4; Moses 4:10). He also said the fruit would make her wise so she would know good and evil (see Genesis 3:5; Moses 4:11). Eve chose to eat the fruit. Then she gave some of the fruit to Adam, and he also ate. (See Genesis 3:6; Moses 4:12.) When Adam and Eve heard the voice of the Lord, they hid because they were ashamed that they had disobeyed God (see Genesis 3:8; Moses 4:14).

When God asked Adam and Eve if they had eaten the forbidden fruit, they confessed that they had (see Genesis 3:11–13; Moses 4:17–19). God cast Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 3:23; Moses 4:29).

Even though they had to leave the beautiful garden, Adam and Eve believed that God loved them, and they had faith that He would send Jesus Christ to be their Savior.

Summary

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman to live on the earth. God placed them in the Garden of Eden and told them not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He told them, however, that they could choose for themselves but to remember that eating the fruit was forbidden and that they would die if they ate it. Later Satan came to the garden and tempted Eve to eat the fruit. She chose to do so and then gave some of the fruit to Adam, who also ate. As a result, God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden. They were now mortal and would one day die, but they had faith that God would send Jesus Christ to be their Savior.