

The Bible In A Minute

The Bible begins with God, the Creator, simply speaking the universe into existence. He provided His creation every blessing, in a **paradise** in which people could live with access to the **Tree of Life**, with **God in their midst**. Everything He made was good, and He made man and woman **pure and innocent**.

God's limitless **power** gives Him the right to tell people how to live, and His **love** compels Him to give instructions only in people's best interest. His **holiness** means that He will continue to dwell with people and have fellowship with them only as long as they remain pure.

But man and woman chose to disobey God – they sinned, as we all do. **Man and woman were tempted** by their own desires to disobey God's instructions. In their weakness, they believed a lie; in their selfishness, they followed momentary pleasures and a false promise of becoming equal to their Creator... **and they fell into disobedience and sin**.

Our holy God will not tolerate sin in His presence cannot allow *sinful* people to be in His presence, but **through His love He provided a way** to cleanse us from sin. He used His power to come in human form, a man named **Jesus** (or, Immanuel, which means "God with us"). He lived sinlessly and **died willingly to be the substitute** who would **pay the penalty for our sins**.

Thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus, **the Bible ends** with a beautiful picture of people made pure and free from sin returning to God's presence, **with endless access to the Tree of Life**.