



The Fall and the Nature of Sin

Readings: Genesis 2:15-25 & 3:1-24; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 402-409 & 1852-1855; Joseph Ratzinger, Fourth Homily in *'In the Beginning...': A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall* (PDF online).

Look for the answer to these questions as you read the passage:

Questions on the Readings:

What is going on in Genesis 3? Why would this text be read as such a pivotal moment in history?

Why do we need to know about sin?

What is the nature of sin in general?

How does Ratzinger describe original sin?

How does the Catechism describe the difference between Original Sin and Personal Sin?

What are the effects of original sin?

