

**The First Act of Deliverance or Salvation:
Man Is Saved from Living Forever
as a Sinner in a Fallen World
Genesis 03:22–24**

- 1. God's problem:**
*Man had sinned;
man knew not only good, but evil*
- 2. God's decision:**
*Man must not be allowed to live
forever as a sinner
in a fallen world*
- 3. God's deliverance or salvation**
 - a. God delivered man by driving him from the Garden of Eden
 - b. God delivered man by posting angelic beings, cherubim, to guard the entrance to the tree of life

22 And the LORD God said,
“The man has now become like one of us,
knowing good and evil.
He must not be allowed to reach out his hand
and take also from the tree of life and eat,
and live forever.”

23 So the LORD God banished him
from the Garden of Eden
to work the ground
from which he had been taken.

24 After he drove the man out,
he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden
cherubim and a flaming sword
flashing back and forth
to guard the way to the tree of life.