



Genesis 3:1-7—The Fall—Part 1
From sermon 5.17.20

Read *Genesis 3:1-7*

Review from Sunday's sermon: In Genesis 1 & 2, everything was good, good, good, very good, and complete. Unfortunately, the Bible doesn't end at Genesis 2:25. Genesis 3 reveals the factual, literal fall of man. It is a monumental chapter—maybe the Bible's most important. This account answers so many questions about man, his nature, sin, evil, and suffering. Besides our traditional dividing of the Bible into the two sections of Old and New Testament, it could just as rightly be divided as Genesis chapters 1 and 2...and, then, everything else after it. [48 more chapters and more 65 books]

As God placed man in the Garden of Eden, what was the one rule/law/command that He gave him? He was not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. See *Genesis 2:16-17*

How were evil, sin, and rebellion introduced into the universe? A holy, high-ranking angel, named Lucifer, exalted himself to be above God and rebelled—taking 1/3 of the holy angels with him. Now fallen, he assumes the spiritual form of a serpent/dragon. He sets out to destroy God's plans. See *Isaiah 14:12-14 & Ezekiel 28:12-16 & Revelation 12:4* [root cause of all sin = pride]

What three main plans of God has he so intently tried to thwart?

- The Perfect/Paradise Communion with God in the Garden
- The Redemptive Plan of God [Christ's First Coming]
- The Elect People of God [the Church and Israel = Christ's Second Coming]

To get Eve to buy his lie, Satan had to first get her to question 4 things about God. What were they?

1. The Motives of God—God doesn't want you to be like Him
2. The Nature of God—focus on the restriction vs. the love and vast liberty
3. The Holiness of God—the implication that God likes the evil and restricts you
4. The Judgment of God—there will be no death/no penalty for sin. Scare tactic

Satan also established a temptation pattern beginning with Eve. It's the same process he still uses today. Read *1 John 2:16*. What are the three enticements he routinely presents? The Lust of the Eyes, the Lust of the Flesh, & the Pride of Life.

Re-read the account of Eve's temptation and fall (*Genesis 3:6*) and identify each component from above:

"...the woman saw that the tree was good for food..." = The Lust of the Flesh
"...that it was pleasant to the eyes..." = The Lust of the Eyes
"...a tree desirable to make one wise..." = The Pride of Life

Now Read *Luke 4:1-13*. Identify how the devil also tempted Jesus in the same process.

"...command this stone to become bread." = The Lust of the Flesh
"...all this authority I will give you, and their glory..." = The Lust of the Eyes
"...throw Yourself down..." [His angels will save You] = The Pride of Life

What was Jesus' answer (therefore, our model) for each temptation? "It is written" = the Word of God
See also *1 Corinthians 15:45-49*