

### Genesis 3:1-7 Temptation

**Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more cunning (crafty, shrewd, skilled in deceit) than any beast (Hebrew means: wild animals that live in fields or forests away from human dwellings, such as lions, deer, or zebras...a literal part of God's physical creation, made on the sixth day just like the other wild and untamed animals.) of the field which the LORD God had made. And he (serpent, Satan) said to the woman, "Has God indeed said (or Did God really say?), 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden (In Hebrew you is plural in these verses 1-5)'?"

The relationship between Satan and the serpent is not made clear, but Satan is identified with the serpent later in Rev 12:9, 14, 15, and 20:2.

Rev 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Satan (a created angel) the fall happened after God's "very good" statement and the work of creation was completed (Gen 1:31). Satan's fall see Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12-15 & Revelation 12:7-9.

- i. In Ezekiel 28:13-19 tells us that Satan was in Eden. Many other passages associate a serpent or a snake-like creature with Satan (such as Job 26:13 and Isaiah 51:9). Revelation 12:9 and 20:2 speak of *the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan*.
- ii. The representation of Satan as a serpent makes the idea of Moses saving Israel by lifting up a bronze serpent all the more provocative (Numbers 21:8-9), especially when Jesus identifies Himself with that very serpent (John 3:14). This is because, in this picture, the serpent (a personification of sin and rebellion) is made of bronze (a metal associated with judgment, since it is made with fire). The lifting of a bronze serpent is the lifting up of sin judged, in the form of a cross.
- iii. Ezekiel 28 tells us Satan, before his fall, was an angel of the highest rank and prominence, even something of a leader of worship in heaven. Isaiah 14 tells us Satan's fall had to do with his desire to be equal to or greater than God, to set his will against God's will.
- iv. We may not understand everything involved in the way Satan used the body of a serpent, but we can know it was true and this is no mere fable. "It is idle to call the narrative of the Fall a mere allegory; one had better say at once that he does not believe the Book... There was a real serpent, as there was a real paradise;

there was a real Adam and Eve, who stood at the head of our race, and they really sinned, and our race is really fallen. Believe this” (Spurgeon).

2Cor 11:2 For I(Paul) am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (**chaste virgin meaning spiritually pure and exclusively devoted to Christ for the final Marriage Supper of the Lamb**).

2Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2Cor 11:4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit (demonic spirit) which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it! (**Paul is saying do not tolerate or welcome any form of evil or deception**).

2Cor 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light (**or messenger, to do his evil**). Demonic spirits have the ability, under certain circumstances, to indwell human or animal bodies and to oppress believers.

Gal 1:7 ...but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed (condemned to hell & destruction).

Act 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Gen 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent (**Satan**), "We may eat the “fruit” of the trees of the garden;

Gen 3:3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst (**middle**) of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

She adds, “neither shall you touch it” lest you die

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said (**or replied**) to the woman, "You will not surely die (**Satan’s lie, death here encompasses both spiritual and physical death, if they eat they will experienced immediate spiritual death, which is defined as separation from God and physical death would start as a process**).

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your “eyes will be opened”, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil (**knowing both good and evil their differences**)." "

Satan questioning of the word of God, and then contradicted the word of God. Satan again follows the same tactics questioning God's word, contradicting God's word, and then defaming God's character. The serpent speaks half-truths or a mixture. It is sad what Adam and Eve will experience outside of Eden is not life as God had originally intended.

#### Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith

John, in summing up the world through which Satan comes to us to tempt us, and says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," (I John 2:16) is bound up in this temptation here. The lust of the flesh, good the food; the lust of the eye, it was luscious looking; and it was desired to make her wise as God, the pride of life. "I'm going to be like God," very much appealing to her. And the Bible tells us that there are three forces against us working in concert, and they are: the world, the flesh, and the devil. Here we find all three working against Eve. Her flesh, self-deception, self-exaltation; Satan's temptation, using the world around her as the area of temptation--the fruit that was forbidden, looks good be wise like God.

**Gen 3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant (**attractive to the eye, beautiful**) to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise (**increased human understanding**), she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband "with her", and he ate.

The text focuses on Eve's communications and actions, the phrase "with her" indicates Adam's physical proximity. It seems he was present or nearby but failed to intervene or say anything. The word "you" is used addressing both of them in these first five verses, not just Eve individually.

The fact that Adam was "with" Eve at the time meant that he had failed to carry out his God-given responsibility to guard and keep Gods Word, the garden safe and his wife protected (see 2:15). The disastrous consequences of Adam's sin include the fall of mankind, the beginning of every kind of sin, suffering, and pain, along with spiritual and physical death for the entire human race, the earth groaning, the animals killing one another...etc. It may seem like a little sin & rebellion

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-(**no one on their own is able to escape its power**)

**Gen 3:7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened (**human understanding, increased awareness of self, shame for their nakedness**), and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed (**or fastened**) fig leaves together and made themselves coverings (**we see man made religion to please God for sin with human effort**).

#### Pastor Chuck Quote

Shame and Man's endeavor to cover their guilt with their own works, and so you have the beginning of religion. Man trying to cover his own guilt by his own works that is what

religion is all about. Man doing his best to cover the shame of his guilt, seeking to atone (atonement) for his evil by some good work. So here they are working to sew these things together to cover the shame of their nakedness

Gen 2:25 (previously) And they were both naked, the man (Adam) and his wife, and were not ashamed.

### Genesis 3:8-13 The Fall of Man

Gen 3:8 And they (Adam & his wife) heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool (Lit: breeze) of the day, and “Adam and his wife hid themselves” (and kept themselves hidden) from the “presence of the LORD” God among the trees of the garden. (Lit face).

Job 31:33 If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom (concealing my guilt & sin in my heart, my bosom)

Gen 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam (the man) and said to him, "Where are you?"

God confronts Adam, as the head of the husband-and-wife relationship

Eph 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Gen 3:10 So he(Adam) said (replied), "I heard Your voice (or sound of you moving) in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Rom 2:15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

Gen 3:11 And He(LORD God) said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should “not” eat?"

Gen 3:12 Then the man (Adam) said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me (fruit) of the tree, and I ate."

Pro 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Pro 28:14 Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart (and is determined to sin) will fall into calamity (serious trouble, disaster, destruction).

**Gen 3:13** And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me (**tricked me by lying**), and I ate (**from the forbidden tree**)."

### **Genesis 3:14-19 Judgement Of God**

**Gen 3:14** So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly (**crawling**) you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

**Gen 3:15** And I (**God**) will put enmity (**open hostility**) Between you (**the serpent, Satan**) and the woman (**Eve, representing humanity**), And between your seed (**the followers & offspring of Satan**) and her Seed (**singular, Jesus, Christ, Messiah, Anointed One**); He (**Jesus**) shall bruise (**fatally crush**) your head (**Satan's head**), And you shall bruise His heel (**Jesus non-fatal blow at the cross because Jesus rises again**)."

The first announcement of the gospel. This is the first prophecy about the Messiah (**Christ**), who through His death on the cross and resurrection would ultimately defeat Satan, the power behind the serpent, with a death blow. See Is 9:6; Matt 1:23; Luke 1:31; Rom 16:20; Gal 4:4; Rev 12:17. The promise and fulfillment is in Jesus Christ, who overcomes Satan (Heb 2:14; 1John 3:8)

1John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith (in Jesus Christ).

1John 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rom 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

**Gen 3:16** To the woman He(**God**) said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception (**pain in your childbearing**); In pain you shall bring forth children (**pain in childbirth**); Your desire shall be for (**and to control**) your husband, And he shall rule over you (**He will have authority and be responsible for you**)."

**Gen 3:17** Then to Adam He(**LORD God**) said, "Because you have heeded (**listened & obeyed**) the voice of your wife, and have eaten (**fruit**) from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake (**because of you**); In toil (**sorrow & pain**) you shall eat of it, All the days of your life.

The punishment is not the work itself, but the hardship, conflicts, sin nature that he will have to work through including will thorns, weeds etc. not like the garden of Eden

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Gen 3:18 Both thorns and thistles it (**the ground**) shall bring forth for you (**cause to grow**), And you shall eat the herb (**grain, Lit: plants**) of the field.

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of your face (**brow Lit: nose**) you shall eat bread (**food**) Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

2Thes 3:7-11 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we (**Paul and his missionary team**) were not disorderly among you;

2Thes 3:8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,

2Thes 3:9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

2Thes 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

2Thes 3:11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

**Gen 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

**Gen 5:5** So all the days that Adam lived were 965 years; and he died.

**Genesis 3:20-24** **God Killed An Animal Made Tunics Of Skin And Removed Them From Eden**

**Gen 3:20** And Adam (**the man**) called his wife's name Eve (**life giver, Lit: living, life**), because she was the mother of all living.

**Gen 3:21** Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin (**garments from animal skins**), and clothed them (**Just as God killed an innocent animal to clothe Adam and his wife, Christ the Lamb of God, was sacrificed to "clothe" believers in righteousness**).

**Gen 3:22** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us (**Father, Son & Holy Spirit**), to know (or knowing, distinguish between) good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever (**God did not want mankind for any reason including the deception of Satan to reach out and eat from the tree of life and be in his fallen sinful condition forever**)"

**Gen 3:23** therefore the LORD God sent (**expelled banished**) him(**Adam**) out of the Garden of Eden to till (**cultivate, work hard to yield food Lit: serve**) the ground from which he was taken.

**Gen 3:24** So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim (**Cherub is singular, Cherubim is plural for ministering angelic beings, and are associated with the presence and glory of God (Eze 10, Isa 6, Rev 4)**) at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to (**get to**) the tree of life.

### **God's Garden**

**Gen 2:8** The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

**Gen 2:9** And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.