

Satan: The Great Deceiver

Genesis 3:1-7

Introduction:

- A. At the end of creation God pronounced everything He had made as, “very good” (Gen. 1:31).
- B. God placed man in the Garden where the trees were pleasant to see and good for food (Gen. 2:8-9).
- C. Man was in utopia, in paradise. He had everything he needed after God gave Him a wife.

What We Know About Satan:

- A. This serpent was none other than Satan himself (Rev. 12:9). The word Satan means, “adversary.”
- B. We had better take Satan seriously. He is our enemy and looking to devour us (Eph. 6:12, I Pet. 5:8).
- C. The serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field (2 Cor. 11:14; Rev. 12:9; Jn. 8:44).

Ways Satan Deceived Eve:

- A. Satan deceived by twisting or altering God’s word (3:1).
 - 1. The Lord commanded man to eat of every tree of the garden but one (Gen. 2:16-17).
 - 2. This was the problem Paul was dealing with in the churches of Galatia (Gal. 1:6-9).
 - 3. Today Satan uses human instruments to try and alter what God’s Word says (Rev. 22:18-19).
- B. Satan deceived by making God’s command seem too restrictive and strict (3:2-3).
 - 1. Satan asked the question in a way where the focus was on the negative instead of all the positives.
 - 2. Satan was trying to get Eve to doubt God’s generosity. He wanted Eve to think that maybe God was withholding something good from them by such restrictive commands.
 - 3. Today Satan deceives by getting people to see God’s commands as too strict (I Cor. 14:34; I Tim. 2:12).
- C. Satan deceived by denying that consequences would come (vs. 4-5).
 - 1. God had already told man, “You will surely die” if you eat the forbidden fruit (2:17).
 - 2. Eve disobeyed God and then gave some to Adam and he ate and disobeyed God.
 - 3. Today Satan causes us to doubt the consequences will happen to us (ex: God wouldn’t punish that).

Key Takeaways for Today:

- A. Be mindful of the voices you listen to (I Kgs. 12:7-8).
- B. God has your best interest at heart (Isa. 53:4-6).
- C. Judgment upon sin cannot be avoided (Ezek. 18:4, 20; Rom. 6:23).

Conclusion:

- A. Satan wants nothing more than to destroy us.
- B. Let’s not be deceived by the schemes and tricks of the devil.