

Temptation

Genesis 3:1-6

I. Introduction (1 Peter 5:8, 2 Cor. 2:11)

II. The First Temptation (Gen.3:1-6)

A. God's plan for Adam and Eve in the Garden

1. Commanded to keep the Garden (Gen. 2:15)
2. Do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:16-17)

B. Satan's Method of Temptation

1. Satan Questions God's Word (3:1)

- a. Satan questioned what they were told NOT to do
- b. Satan caused confusion about a simple matter (2 Cor. 11:3)
 - i. Modern Day Example: Baptism (Mark 16:16)
 - ii. Modern Day Example: The Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-29)
- c. Doubts must be defeated quickly (James 1:6)
- d. Eve answered with God's Word, which was the right thing to do.

2. Satan Lies (3:4)

- a. This is the first lie (*John 8:44*)
- b. Once Satan contradicted God's word, Adam should have stepped in
- c. Leaders have the responsibility of correcting contradictions (Titus 1:9, 2 Tim. 2:14-18)
- d. All Christians should be able to give a ready defense (1 Pet. 3:15)
- e. We must always remember that God's Word is Truth (*John 17:17*)

3. Satan Twists the Truth (3:5)

- a. Satan told the truth in such a way that it led to a false conclusion
- b. people today still do the very same thing and twist Scripture (*2 Pet. 3:14-16, Eph. 4:11-16, 1 Cor. 14:20, 2 Tim. 2:15*)

4. Satan Appeals to what man can't have

- a. Satan appealed to the only tree man couldn't have
- b. Satan makes man think he deserves more than God gives

III. The Sin

A. Comparison of Genesis 3:6 and 1 John 2:16

Genesis 3:6	1 John 2:16
<i>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.</i>	<i>For all that is in the world— the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life— is not of the Father but is of the world.</i>

1. Satan tempts with physical satisfaction
2. Satan tempts by making sin appealing

3. Satan tempts with pride (Ecc. 2:1-11, Pro. 16:18)
- B. Types of Sin
1. Unintentional
 - Eve was deceived. She “Fell” into transgression (1 Tim. 2:14)
 2. Intentional
 - Adam was not deceived. It seems he willingly leaped (James 4:17, Luke 12:42-48)

IV. Overcoming Temptation

- A. Stop temptation quickly (James 1:13-15)
- B. Pray (Mt. 6:9-13 Mt. 26:41)
- C. Defeat it with the word of God (Mt. 4)
- D. Remember God’s protection (1 Cor. 10:13, 2 Pet. 2:9)