

The Great Deception



Genesis 3:1-5 KJV

[1] Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? [2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: [3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. [4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: [5] For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The Tempter

The Temptation

The serpent approached Eve in a manner that disguised his true motive. We see a snake as scary but Eve saw the serpent through innocent eyes so she was not immediately alarmed but she had been told not to touch the fruit of that tree. She in fact, sinned against an open book because she had been told what not to do.

Genesis 3:4 KJV

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

You'll be like God. How appealing. You will be the equivalent and can control your own destiny, determining your own path, defining cause and effect for yourself.

The Tactics

Doubts the word of God. Satan planted the seed in Eve's mind and instead of rejecting it immediately, she pondered it. This hesitation allowed Satan to massage the temptation into an action. The tactic starts with doubting and moves into denying.

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The Deception

You can sin against God with no consequences. This is the great lie of Satan, that we can sin and maintain control of the outcome. If we sin lightly and not cause obvious pain, God will overlook it or let it slide.

Genesis 2:15-17 KJV

[15] And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. [16] And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: [17] But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The Tragedy

1. They heard the warning but listened to satan's lie
2. They felt alienation from God
3. They began to experience guilt, shame, fear
4. They tried to hide from God
5. They tried to make excuses, deflect blame.
6. They were cast out of paradise.

All sin has consequences, even if we have been saved there can be consequences. To the unsaved the consequences are worse.

That Determines the Consequences of our Sin?

1. The nature of the sin
2. The length of time of the sin
3. The people effected

Future Consequences of Mankind

1. Pain, hardship, grief, sorrow to be felt from here on.
2. We are naked before God (shame)
3. The relationship with God.
4. Driven out of paradise.
5. All humanity affected.

