

# Genesis: From Creation to New Creation

## Genesis 3:1-7

"Temptation and the Fall" – February 6, 2022



### **Introduction**

It is very clear that we are not currently living in paradise. When we look at the brokenness in this world, we might wonder, "how did we get here?" We can assume that it's because of sin. But the bigger question is "why?" Why do we sin?

If Adam and Eve had everything, why in the world did they sin? Satan came into the garden to deceive them with his lies. One of the disturbing things about deception is that we don't realize we are being deceived. The same lies that Satan uses to deceive them are the same that he uses to deceive us. To keep from being duped by the Father of lies, we must be prepared. We must be aware of his schemes.

### **Pray**

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

### **Sermon Outline**

1. Recognize the Deceiver's lies. Vs. 1 -5
2. Flee from temptation. Vs. 6-7

### **Read & Discuss**

#### **1) Read 3:1-5**

The serpent is the Devil - Satan. Verse 1 tells us that the serpent is part of creation. Satan is not equal with God. He falls underneath the sovereign rule of God. He started out good, but rebelled. ([2 Peter 2:4](#); [Jude 6](#))

He was "crafty" or shrewd, and he was going to exploit the innocence of Adam and Eve. He is an expert at being evil, knowing what buttons to push to tempt you.

Three lies of Satan:

- Attacking the goodness of God.
- Minimizing the consequences of sin.
- Denying that sin is wrong.

How have you been tempted to doubt God's goodness? How are you tempted to minimize the consequences of sin? Do you see yourself easily pointing out the sin in others? Is there another Christian with whom you can be completely honest about your sin?

**Additional Reading:** Romans 6:23; Hebrew 4:13; Judges 21:25; Proverbs 18:1

#### **2) Read 3:6-7**

Now that Satan had deceived Eve about God's goodness, the tree looked different. It became intriguing. She saw that the tree was good for food. She craved it for the pleasure it would bring, and with it, she thought she could be in control.

Temptation begins with a legitimate need. If Satan gets us to doubt the goodness of God, we look outside of God to fulfill the need. We have about six seconds to put temptation to death. God gives us a way out, so we must flee. It's not enough to flee from sin; we must replace the temptation with something more beautiful, valuable, and satisfying. We must flee to Christ.

When temptation comes, it comes as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. ([1 John 2:16](#)) Jesus faced the same things when He was tempted in [Matthew 4](#), but where the first Adam failed, the second Adam did not!

God is the judge, but He is a good judge. One day we will give an account, and we will either be represented by the first Adam who gave into temptation, or the second Adam who overcame temptation and atoned for our sin. ([Romans 5:8](#)) Jesus clothes us with His righteousness, and that is what God see when He looks on those who have trusted in Christ. God will receive you with open arms.

What thoughts, feelings and actions have you experienced/done after you have sinned (good deeds, excuses, denial)? How did it feel to confess the sin to God and ask for forgiveness?

**Additional Reading:** James 1:14-15, 2 Corinthians 10:13-14; Romans 5:12-21; Romans 8, 1 John 1:9

### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to com.

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<b>*Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">Ephesians 1:15-23</a> "The Importance of Knowing God"
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