

# **Satan's Crafty Attach On Adam and Eve!**

**Genesis 3:1-6**

# Scripture

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

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<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

# The Entrance of Satan

**Satan (the devil) uses a snake as his medium through which to approach Eve in the garden.**

**Genesis 3:1a** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

# The Entrance of Satan

- The word “serpent” (*nahash*) is a literal snake – it is classified among the “beasts of the field.”
- The use of the term “snake” does not inherently refer to evil – (Mat. 10:16, Jesus says to believers: “be as wise as serpents”).

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- The snake is usually used in Scripture, however, as a symbol for treachery and sin (Psalm 58:3-4; Mat. 23:33) and of Satan himself.
- **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole

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- world-- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”
- In the garden of Eden, Satan used the serpent.
- The evil resided in Satan, not in the snake.



# The Craftiness of Satan

**3:1b** He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

- Why approach the woman?
- From the wording of **Genesis 2:16**, it may be that God had personally told only Adam the prohibition.

# The Craftiness of Satan

- Adam must have told Eve of the restriction because she accurately repeats the prohibition (Genesis 3:2-3).
- Perhaps the serpent cunningly approaches the woman because he feels there is a greater chance of deceiving her than the man who had received the command directly from God.

# Step One: Create Doubt

**STEP 1: create DOUBT about God's Word.**

**Satan introduces doubt in the form of a question. "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"**

- Satan does **not** start by contradicting what God says. He merely raises a question.

# Step One: Create Doubt

- The question introduces doubt about God's generosity and goodness. Satan is focusing on the one prohibition and then using exaggeration to create doubt.
- **Eve's Response:** <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said,

# Step One: Create Doubt

- 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'

# Step Two: Denial

**Satan denies the truth of God's Word.**

<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

- **Satan asserts that Eve can disobey God with impunity, that God will not punish disobedience.**

# Step Three: Deception

**Satan seeks to deceive Eve by telling a lie wrapped in a truth.**

<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- **Deception** is propagated by using truth and mixing it with a lie.

# Step Three: Deception

- Satan declares, “You will be like God Himself. You will know good and evil.”
- **The truth: Genesis 3:22** Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil.”
- **The lie:** You can be your own god. You don’t have to conform to God’s Word. You can be a liberated woman.



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- **The lie:** God is keeping important knowledge from you!
- **The truth:** God planned for Adam and Eve to gain knowledge about evil by thorough experience with that which is good and holy. By resisting the temptation to disobey, mankind would

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- gain a true picture of evil through intimate acquaintance with the good. The nature of evil is clearest seen through eyes of purity. [Romans 16:19: "*would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil*"].

# Step Four: Desire

**Satan uses his deception and lie to create  
DESIRE.**

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise . . .

# Step Four: Desire

- Eve's curiosity turns to desire. But it is a misguided desire.
- It is a misguided desire, because she has the idea that now she can choose what she wants, and she desires what God has forbidden.

# Step Five: Decision & Death

“she took of its fruit and ate,” . . .

## **How does Eve make her decision?**

- Does she seek counsel from her husband? No!
- Does she wait to personally ask God? No!
- Eve used her own rational powers to decide which viewpoint was correct.

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- **She established:** The fruit of the forbidden tree was good for food, it was a delight to the eyes, and eating the fruit would make her wise (increase her knowledge).

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- **1 John 2:16** warns us that Satan tempts us to do wrong **by using 1 or more of the following:** a craving for physical pleasure (“the lust of the flesh”); a craving for everything we see (“the lust of the eyes”); a pride in our achievements and possessions (“the pride of life”).

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- These temptations are in the realm, first of all, of doing—that's the lust of the flesh; in having—that's the lust of the eyes; and in being—that's the pride of life.
- All of us, sometimes, get in trouble because we want either to **do**, or to **have**, or **be** the wrong thing.



# Step Five: Decision & Death

- **Her conclusion?**
- God's Word was wrong! The serpent was right!
- **“She took of its fruit and ate.”**
- **Eve** made a decision.
- It was her decision.
- Nobody made it for her.

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- Later on, when God faces her and asks her why she did what she did, she tried to say—“The devil made me do it,” but God wouldn’t buy that.
- She did it all by herself.
- True, the devil tempted her, and the devil deceived her, but it was really her fault.

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- She failed to check with her authority structures, God first, her husband second.
- She failed to review in her thoughts all that she knew for sure: God is the creator. God has the right to make the rules for his creation. God is good. He provided a wonderful earth and planted

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- a special garden just for Adam and Eve to enjoy.
- **Tragically**, Eve ignored all that she knew for sure, entertained doubts about God's goodness, was DECEIVED, and became the first human to sin against God.

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- She not only became the first human to sin against God, but she also died spiritually, and roots of physical death took hold.
- Further, she instantly became a slave of sin. Jesus said, “whosoever commits a sin is the slave of sin.” (John 8:34)

# Step Five: Decision & Death

- Her choice became a chain that bound her. From the moment she chose wrong, she became the slave of Satan.

# Step Six: Dissemination

- Sadly, we are not finished yet. There's one more step in the corruption and destruction of the human race.

***Genesis 3:6*** . . . . “and [she] did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

# Step Six: Dissemination

- Eve's spiritual death turns to a dissemination of sin through her influence on Adam.
- She spreads her sin.
- We all know that dead things corrupt things around them. There is an unholy contagion to sin.



# Step Six: Dissemination

- We see the power of sin's influence on Adam.
- **God's verdict:** He always judges according to the truth, one's deeds, and with impartiality (Romans 2:2,6,11).
- **1 Timothy 2:14:** "Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor."

# Step Six: Dissemination

- Adam was not deceived at all. He deliberately chose to join with his wife in sin.

# Summary

We learned the 6 steps that led to Eve's sin.

- **Step 1:** create **DOUBT** about God's Word and good character.
- **Step 2:** the **DENIAL** of God's Word.
- **Step 3:** **DECEPTION** by wrapping a lie in a truth.

# Summary

- **Step 4:** the use of deception and a lie to create improper **DESIRES**.
- **STEP 5:** make your **DECISION** while ignoring your authority structures.
- **STEP 6:** the **DISSEMINATION** of sin through your influence on others.

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