

THE FIRST TEMPTATION *Genesis 3:1-6*

If we accept Gen.3 as myth or _____ what is to keep us from treating other parts of the Bible in the same way? Paul bases fundamental doctrine on Gen.3, most importantly that we are all _____ because of Adam's sin

I. SATAN

A. His Disguises

- 1) It is possible that the serpent walked _____ and had scales like precious stones--attractive
- 2) Eve, newly created and inexperienced with the animals, may not have known animals couldn't _____
- 3) 2 Cor.11:14 tells us that Satan disguises himself as an _____ of light: it's his standard procedure

B. His _____

- 1) 1st Device: Satan questioned the truth of God's Word—more a matter of _____ of voice than words
- 2) 2nd Device: Satan _____ God's Words: "You mean God will not let you eat of EVERY tree?"
 - a) Satan took the garment of God's will and fashioned it into a _____ with this one little word
 - b) Satan questioned God's character—His _____ : he turned God into an ogre in Eve's mind
- 3) 3rd Device: Satan directly _____ God's Word: "Dying you shall die" vs. "No, you will not die!"
 - a) Satan's theory: tell a _____ big enough, often enough and loud enough and men will believe you
 - b) There is a _____ % probability that evolution is true, but the lie is screamed over & over again
- 4) 4th Device: Satan twists the truth in half: half-truths are Satan's rat _____ --tastes OK but kills
 - a) Satan told the truth, but Eve's _____ were opened only to her nakedness, shame and sinfulness
 - b) Eve did come to know good & evil, the lie = eating the fruit was the _____ way to that knowledge

II. EVE

A. Her Preliminary _____

- 1) Eve parlayed with Satan: when we realize Satan is tempting us, we must _____ temptation
- 2) Eve didn't know God's _____ ; she should have said: We may freely eat of every tree in the garden
When _____ was tempted He accurately quoted God's Word: we must be prepared to do the same

B. Her Threefold _____

- 1) Eve desired the fruit b/c it appealed to a _____ need: there are sinful ways to satisfy these drives
Eve saw the fruit as _____ when God told her it was un-good—deadly: she disbelieved God's Word
- 2) The fruit was _____ : from the 1st temptation we learn beauty can be hijacked to lead us into sin
- 3) The fruit also appealed to Eve's _____ : it would open up a new realm of knowledge to her

III. ADAM

A. Questions

- 1) Did Adam overhear the _____ between Eve and the serpent? That would change everything
- 2) Was Adam's action the result of unity between Adam & Eve b/c of their _____ relationship?
- 3) Did Adam observe that Eve ate the fruit & did not die? Did he believe his _____ rather than God?

B. _____

- 1) Adam's sin was more deliberate: He rebelled against his duty to God as _____ of the human race
- 2) Adam declared his independence from God; ever since we want to sit on the _____ of our lives