

Week of 1/7/2007 – Genesis 3

This Weeks Memory Verse: Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ.

Lesson: Satan, Sin, and God's Enduring Love

In Genesis 3 we learn about Adam and Eve's temptation by Satan and the fall of man in the Garden of Eden.

This week, let's dig into the subject of Satan and how he tempts mankind to believe the lie and sin against God:

1. How would you describe Satan to someone?

(Ezekiel 28:1-19, Isaiah 14:12-15, 1 Peter 5:8, John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:14)

In the Bible we see that Satan was an angel of God but he is consumed with pride and envy. He was cast out of heaven to earth because he desired to be God. He seeks to destroy and devour God's children. He is the deceiver. Jesus called him the father of lies! Since he is a liar, he even masquerades as an angel of light (a messenger from God) so to deceive us and pull us from the truth (Jesus Christ).

2. How do you see Satan tempting people today? How is he tempting you?

Satan uses many ways to deceive us even as he did with Adam and Eve. He twists the truth! He uses our own intellect to convince us that the lie is the truth and the truth is a lie. He has used the world to convince us that sin isn't really sin. He wants us to believe that truth is relative. He wants us to believe that my truth is different than your truth and we are both right. It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere. This opens the door to many sins and many idols in our lives.

3. How does God help you overcome temptation?

(1 Corinthians 10:13, Matthew 4:10, Mark 8:33)

We know that Satan can tempt us but he cannot make us sin. On the other hand God allows us free will to make decisions but He never leaves us or forsakes us and instead He gives us a way out to overcome temptation. Satan will tell us we can't overcome sin but the power of the Holy Spirit is all we need to overcome sin. Jesus demonstrated it and taught us how to overcome Satan.

4. How did God demonstrate His enduring love even after the fall of mankind?

Before the fall of man, God walked and talked in an intimate personal relationship with Adam and Eve. After the fall, man could no longer approach God because of guilt and fear. But God continued to pursue man. He provided for mankind shown throughout the Old Testament (Genesis 3:21, 9:1-3, 12:2-3, 15:5, 17:1-14). He provided sacrifices offerings so we could restore our relationship with Him. Finally, on the cross, He provided the ultimate sacrifice that opened the door to once again have an intimate and personal relationship with Him in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 3:15, Hebrew 10:1-18)

This Weeks Daily Reading Plan:

Genesis 1:1-31, 2:1-3

Genesis 2:4-25

Genesis 3:1-12

Genesis 3:13-24

Genesis 4:1-16

