

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 17, 2021
GENESIS 3.1-6

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Genesis is about beginnings.
2. **GENESIS 3.1:** *“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field...”*
3. Who is the serpent? (Rev. 12.9; Eph. 6.11; 2 Cor. 2.11; 1 Pet. 5.8)
4. Through the use of deception, the devil convinced Eve to eat the fruit that God had forbidden.

I. THERE IS DOUBT

- A. **GENESIS 3.1:** *“And he said to the woman...”*
1. What was the first sin ever recorded in the Bible? (1 John 3.8)
 2. The devil is a liar and cannot speak the truth. (John 8.44; cf. John 14.6; 17.17)
 3. Why the woman? Where was Adam? (Gen. 2.15,21,22; 1 Tim. 2.13,14)
- B. **GENESIS 3.1:** *“Has God indeed said...”*
1. The word “indeed” translates “really; truly.” God is being unreasonable.
 2. Obeying and serving God is reasonable. (Rom. 12.1; 1 Pet. 3.15)
- C. **GENESIS 3.1:** *“You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”*

II. THERE IS A DECLARATION

- A. **GENESIS 3.2:** *“And the woman said to the serpent...”*
1. **GENESIS 3.3:** *“but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden...”* What was the fruit that the knowledge tree produced? (cf. Gen. 1.29)
 2. **GENESIS 3.3:** *“God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it...’* Was this second-hand information? (Gen. 2.16,17)
- B. **GENESIS 3.3:** *“lest you die.”*
1. The woman understood the command and its consequences.
 2. Sin is breaking God’s commandments. (1 John 3.4)
 3. The consequence of sin is death. (Rom. 6.23; James 1.15)

III. THERE IS A DECEPTION

- A. The devil accuses God of lying.
1. **GENESIS 3.4:** *“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die...’*
 2. This is the exact opposite of what God said. (Gen. 2.17)
 3. To contradict God is to call Him a liar. (1 John 1.10; 5.10)
- B. The devil accuses God of being selfish. God does not want you to have what He has.
1. **GENESIS 3.5:** *“For God knows”* God is lying to keep you from something.
 2. **GENESIS 3.5:** *“your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God”*
- C. The devil accuses God of not loving. God is keeping you from your desire.
1. **GENESIS 3.5:** *“knowing good and evil.”*
 2. “Knowing” carries the idea of something that is revealed. It is a participle.

IV. THERE IS A DECISION

- A. Lust of the flesh. The fruit was good for food. (Gen. 3.6; cf. Matt. 4.2,3)
- B. Lust of the eyes. The fruit was pleasant to the eyes. (Gen. 3.6; cf. Matt. 4.8,9)
- C. Pride of life. The fruit was desirable to make one wise. (Gen. 3.6; w/verse 5; Matt. 4.5,6)