

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 24, 2021
GENESIS 3.7-24

INTRODUCTION:

1. The devil is on a mission to devour souls. It is his mindset and focus. (2 Cor. 2.11)
 - a) **1 PETER 5.8:** The devil is “*seeking whom he may devour.*” Not passively, but actively.
 - b) The devil employs a specific strategy to accomplish his devious goals, and he is successful. (1 John 5.19)
2. How did the devil convince Eve to violate the explicit will of God? (Gen. 3.1,4-6)
3. Thousands of years later, the game plan of the devil has not changed. (2 Cor. 2.11)
4. How did/does humanity respond to the devil’s tactics? How did/does God respond to humanity’s weaknesses?

I. THE RESPONSE OF HUMANITY

- A. For Eve, the fruit was a desire that needed to be resisted.
 1. Eve was tempted by the lusts of the flesh and eyes, and the pride of life. (Gen. 3.6,7)
 2. Temptation begins with desire. No desire = no temptation.
 - a) **1 JOHN 2.16:** “*lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.*” (1 Tim. 6.9)
 - b) **JAMES 1.14:** “*But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires*”
 - c) **1 CORINTHIANS 10.13:** “*temptation has overtaken you*”
 3. The devil places the object of our desire in our path, but each one makes the decision to invite sin into our lives. (James 1.15)
- B. For Adam, sin entered his life because of a negative influence.
 1. **1 TIMOTHY 2.14:** “*And Adam was not deceived, but the woman*”
 2. If Adam was not deceived, why did he take the fruit and eat? (Gen. 3.6)
 3. The devil uses the influence of the world to persuade us to sin.
 - a) The negative influence of false teachings. (1 Cor. 15.33; 2 Tim. 2.16-18)
 - b) The negative influence of immorality. (2 Pet. 2.18-20)

II. THE RESPONSE OF GOD

- A. The character and nature of God. (Hab. 1.13; Isa. 59.2; Rev. 4.8)
- B. God responds to sin with wrath that demands justice.
 1. God called Adam and Eve to account for their sin. (Gen. 3.8-13)
 - a) **GENESIS 3.11:** “*Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?*” God reminds them of the commandment.
 - b) **GENESIS 3.13,14:** “*and I ate.*” They did not deny it but justified their sins.
 - c) How did they justify breaking God’s commandments? By casting off blame.
 2. God punishes Adam, Eve, and the devil. (Gen. 3.14-19,24)
 3. God’s view of sin has not changed.
 - a) God’s wrath is still aroused by sin. (Rom. 1.18; Eph. 5.6; Col. 3.5,6)
 - b) The consequence of sin is still death. (Rom. 5.12-14)
- C. God responds to sin with grace giving man a chance to receive His forgiveness.
 1. **GENESIS 3.15:** “*And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.*”
 2. God’s wrath and justice is appeased through the blood of Jesus. (Rom. 3.26; 5.9)