

Alpha and Omega

Genesis 3:1-13

The temptation

Life in the Garden was perfect until the snake showed up.

- Genesis 3:1
- The serpent in the Garden was sa_____.
- Satan creates distance between the woman and God by refusing to call Him “Jehovah Elohim” = LORD GOD Yahweh.

Satan led the woman to question God’s Word.

- “Did God really say...?”Satan puts distance and deception between us and God if we allow it.
- Ex. _____
- The woman misstated God’s Word.
 - Genesis 3:2-3
- The fruit of the tree of life would extend or give eternal life.
- The fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil would allow the man and woman to decide good and evil for themselves.
- The woman focused on God’s one restriction instead of God’s abundant provision. Ex. _____
- The woman lessened the severity of God’s punishment.
- When have you worked with Satan in your life to bring confusion, deception, and chaos _____

God provides a way out of every temptation.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Jesus resisted temptation by the power of God’s Word. Matt 4 1-11

Satan led the woman to question God’s WORD and character.

- Genesis 3:4-5
- Satan uses the same schemes of temptation against us.
- EX _____

The sin

The woman ate the fruit and gave some to her husband and he ate it.

- Genesis 3:6 Satan the plural =yall
- Adam was at the woman’s side as she was tempted.
- Adam did nothing to protect the woman or to defend God.
- A man’s passivity is destructive to his home, his community, and his church.EX I follow the devil and Dave follows me
- What would have been God’s plan of exit? Reverse the order:
- _____

The cover-up (fix, manage control)

Everything changed after their sin.

- Genesis 3:7 How good was the cover up? _____
- The man and woman were ashamed.
- Satan is a murderer and a liar.
 - John 8:44 There is no truth in him
 - John 10:10 he comes to steal, kill and destroy you
- The couple tried to cover themselves and their sin.
- The man and woman hid from God.
 - Genesis 3:8

The blame\shame-game

Shame and fear can isolate us from God and His forgiving grace.

- 1 John 4:18 No fear in perfect love
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess ..He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness
- Out of His love, God sought to restore the man and woman.
 - Genesis 3:9
- God gave the man an opportunity to confess and receive forgiveness, but he blamed God and the woman.
 - Genesis 3:10-11
 - Genesis 3:12
- The woman blamed the snake.
 - Genesis 3:13
- Playing the victim prevents us from accepting responsibility for our sin and receiving God’s forgiveness.
- What have you not taken responsibility for in your life ?
- Who have you blamed?

Action Steps

- Ask God to help you recognize and resist temptation.
- Accept responsibility and confess any hidden sin to God.

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Gen.3:1-13 Now the serpent was more subtle *and* crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?² And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,³ Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die,⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil *and* blessing and calamity.⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles.⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the

cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you?¹⁰ He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself¹¹ And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?¹² And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me—she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate.¹³ And the Lord God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled (cheated, outwitted, and deceived) me, and I ate.

1 Cor 10:13 AMPC¹³ For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you *and* laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not ^[a]adjusted and ^[b]adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted *and* tried *and* assayed beyond your ability *and* strength of resistance *and* power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to ^[c]a landing place), that you may be capable *and* strong *and* powerful to bear up under it patiently

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