

Satan's Temptation and Our Parents' Responses Examined

1. An examination of Satan's temptation from Genesis 3:1-5.

a. "Indeed, has God said, 'You (pl.) shall not eat from **any** tree of the garden?'"

What was Satan's intention in this statement?

b. The woman's response in verses 2-3.

How does her response reveal distortions and open her to deception (cf. 1:29 and 2:9, 16-17)?

c. "You surely will not die."

What was Satan's intention in this response?

d. "For God knows..." (vs. 5)

What was Satan suggesting to the woman?

What was he holding out to her?

Application:

- In what areas of your life are you most tempted to distrust God's words or commands?
- Can you identify ways in which you distrust God's motives or intentions toward you?
- In what ways are you tempted toward autonomy and self-exaltation?

2. An examination of the woman's motivation in Genesis 3:6.

a. The woman saw that the tree was good for food.

b. The woman saw that it was a delight to the eyes.

c. The woman saw that the tree was desirable to make one wise.

How are her responses related to worship?

3. An examination of the man's actions.

- a. Where was the man during Eve's conversation with the serpent?

- b. What work was he supposed to do in this situation (cf. Gen. 2:15)?

- c. Why did the man eat from the tree?

Application:

- What things in your life are tempting you to sin because they appear good to you?

- What worldly philosophies appear good to you but contradict God's word?

- What pleasures or delights are difficult for you to turn down?

- In what ways are you seeking to improve other's opinions of you (seeking to appear wise, accomplished, etc.)?

4. Compare 1 John 2:16:

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world."

- a. What is the lust/desire of the flesh?

- b. What is the lust/desire of the eyes?

- c. What is the boastful pride of life?