



Satan's Lie in Eden and God's Response

Lesson 2

1. Satan disguised himself as what animal in the Garden of Eden?

Genesis 3:1 _____

2. What would result from eating the forbidden fruit?

Genesis 3:3 _____

At this point, Eve innocently and completely believed that God loved her with all His heart. She had every reason to trust that God was looking out for her best interests in withholding the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil from her. God had told her not to eat the fruit of that tree because, if she did, it would have a very negative effect upon her; she would die. Eve understood that if she ate the fruit she would be harmed and, therefore, she believed that God was good and loving to withhold it from her.

3. What words of Satan directly contradicted God's words?

Genesis 3:4 _____

4. What knowledge did Satan promise Eve for eating the fruit?

Genesis 3:5 _____

Please notice the intention behind Satan's lie. He was not merely contradicting God's Word, by stating that Eve would

not die, but his real intention was to give Eve a distorted picture of God's character of love. Satan knew that as long as Eve understood the fruit of the tree to be bad for her, she would look upon God as good for withholding it from her. So Satan tricked Eve into thinking that the fruit of the tree was actually good for her, which would mean that God was bad for withholding it from her. This is what Satan wanted. He wanted Eve to look upon God in the same way that he did; as a Person who is unjust, unfair, unkind and unloving. This was the real intention behind Satan's first lie to mankind.

5. What indicates that Eve's opinion of the fruit changed?

Genesis 3:6 _____

6. Explain how this change would affect her opinion of God's character.

It was a disbelief in God's love that started Satan on his downward path. It was a disbelief in God's love that convinced Eve to disobey God. It is a disbelief in God's love that keeps us in disobedience today. It is only through a revelation of God's infinite love, and our appreciation of it, that we can be brought back to God in a loving relationship surpassing any we have yet had.

7. What did Jesus come to give us?

1 John 5:20 _____

8. Who did Jesus come to declare or reveal?

John 1:18 _____

God's character of love has been at the heart of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. It has been Satan's goal to deceive men concerning the true character of God's love. Jesus is working to reveal God's love to the world. It is

only through receiving a true picture of God's love that we can ever love Him with all our hearts.

9. What did Jesus call "the first and great commandment"

Matthew 22:37, 38 _____

10. As we approach the end of time what happens to the love of many.

Matthew 24:12 _____

11. In the last days what will people love more than God?

2 Timothy 3:1-5 _____

12. What will be preached in all the world before the end comes?

Matthew 24:14 _____

The word "gospel" means "good news." This good news of God's love toward man is designed to restore the lost love in men's hearts in the last days.

13. Paul said the gospel is what?

Romans 1:16 _____

14. The gospel is so powerful because it reveals what?

Romans 1:17 _____

The words "for" and "because" can be used interchangeably.

15. What leads you to repentance?

Romans 2:3, 4 _____

When we see God's character for what it is, we are naturally drawn to yield our lives to Him. "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

16. The first of three angels had what to preach to the world in the last days?

Revelation 14:6 _____

17. What are the three instructions this angel gives to the world?

Revelation 14:7 _____

In the Scriptures to “fear God” means to reverence, love and trust Him. “You that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD” (Psalms 115:11). We can see that the first angel’s message is calling people to the acknowledgment and worship of the true God of heaven. This message is designed to reveal the goodness and love of God. It is calling people to know God’s identity and His character of love, which will enable them to love God with all their hearts resulting in holy living.

The Most Important Trial of All Time

Satan has called into question God’s love. He has put God’s love on trial, and *you* are a member of the jury. It is up to *you* to decide who is right in this controversy. The trial has come to *you* for a decision. *Your* decision will have everlasting consequences because it will determine how you relate to God, the depth of your love for Him, your obedience to His commandments and, ultimately, your eligibility to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Will *you* be one of those over whom God triumphantly proclaims, “Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”? (Revelation 14:12). Will *you* be one of the blessed ones who “do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city”? (Revelation 22:14). If you are going to be in that number, you will need to make the right decision in this great trial that all of us have been plunged into. You will need to examine the evidence for yourself, and come to appreciate God as He is revealed in His Word and through His Son, Jesus Christ. Only then will it be rightly said of you that you are a “true worshiper” (John 4:23).

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