

SIN

GENESIS 3-4.

PART 1

THE FALL

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman." (Genesis 3:1-4, NIV)

THE SET-UP

THE SERPENT DESCRIBED

- Literal translation – “suffered the calamity of nakedness less”
- Could mean “most beautiful”
- Or most hidden
- Or most subtle/crafty/stealthy

WERE ANIMALS VOCAL?

- Eve does not seem to be disturbed by the conversation.
- This is an argument from silence, because we don't actually have a statement that she was surprised or not.
- The serpent, if crafty, could mean more intelligent and able to speak
- Assumption – snakes, in the least can speak.
- Birds seem to be able to mimic sound – without understanding.
- Apes have shown some aptitude for sign language
- Dogs seem to understand about 25% of what we say.
- The serpent is possessed.
- This seems to be the case given the symbolism at the end of the chapter.
- Other animals speak when possessed by God

THE SERPENT SPEAKS

"Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" (Numbers 22:28, NIV)

- The content of the serpent's dialogue is demonic in its character.

THE DIALOGUE

THE QUESTION

Posed negatively

What God said

"And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17, NIV) The response

TEMPTATION – PHASE 1

**"You mean God is denying you something!?"
What am I missing?**

A positive correction

WE MAY EAT OF EVERY TREE

A personal clarification

Except that one...

An amplification

“We can’t even touch it!”

TEMPTATION – PHASE 2

What am I denying?

THE LIE

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.” (Genesis 3:4, NIV)

A contradiction of God

WHAT IS DEATH?

The separation of body from soul.

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28, NIV)

The separation of body and soul

"Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:14-15, NIV)

The separation of man from God.

TEMPTATION – PHASE 3

What am I believing?

THE BAIT IN THE LIE

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:5, NIV)

AN ACCUSATION OF COVERT INFORMATION

- *An offer of improved life*
- *An offer of equality*
- *An offer of freedom*

TEMPTATION - PHASE 4

What am I missing?

THE LURE OF THE LIE

"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." (Genesis 3:6, NIV)

EVE DETERMINED

- The fruit was edible
- The fruit was visibly desirable
- The serpent told the truth
- That God was lying

ADAM DETERMINED

- If Eve didn't die it must not be deadly
- To defy God, knowing the truth.

"And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner." (1 Timothy 2:14, NIV)

- To follow when he should lead

THE DEPARTURE

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves." (Genesis 3:7, NIV)

THEY MADE A JUDGMENT

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. (i.e. we no longer look at people and make judgments based upon the sin nature) Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer." (2 Corinthians 5:16, NIV)

THEY REACTED TO REMEDY THEIR OWN SENSE OF EVIL

