



GOD OF  
*Genesis*  
WONDERS  
GENESIS CHAPTERS 1-11

➤ **Temptation to sin comes from Satan. Genesis 3:1**

Revelation 20:2; James 1:13; Ezekiel 28:12-17; Isaiah 14:13-15

➤ **Satan uses a timeless strategy to cause us to sin. Genesis 3:1-7**

James 1:14-16

**Strategy #1 – Engage us in our most vulnerable area. Genesis 3:1**

“Crafty” = II Corinthians 11:1-4

- Aim at our “own lust.”
- Disguises himself as harmless and even good for you.  
II Corinthians 11:13-15

**Strategy #2 – Deceive us with his lies. Genesis 3:1-6**

John 8:44, 45

**Satan’s Six Lies:**

1. God’s Word and character are not true or trustworthy for your life. He is holding out on you. Three primary ways:  
**“indeed did God say.”**  
John 17:17; II Timothy 3:16, 17
2. You do not need to fear any bad consequences or judgment from sin, God is bigger than that. 3:4  
**“You surely will not die!”**  
Galatians 6:7, 8; John 3:36
3. No matter what you do, God will accept us all because we all are His children. 3:5  
**‘you will be like God’**  
I John 3:6-9; 5:10-12
4. You are not content--you have rights and desires that should be fulfilled. 3:5  
**“...knowing good and evil.”**  
I Timothy 6:6-8; Philippians 4:11-13
5. Something that feels and looks so good cannot be that bad. 3:6  
**“When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise...”**  
I John 2:15, 16
6. Just believe in yourself. 3:6  
**“...she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband.”**  
John 15:5; Isaiah 64:6

**Strategy #3 – Cause others to sin and not realize the damage of your sin until it is too late.**

Genesis 3:6, 7; Romans 5:12; 8:20-22

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**Ecclesiastes 1:9** says, *“That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.”* This is certainly true for Satan and all the evil ways he attacks us. The methods he used to tempt Adam and Eve into sin are the same methods he uses today. He knows what works and that we will continue to fall into sin by these same strategies. It is like we never learn.

A healthy study would be to compare the temptation of Jesus in **Matthew 4:1-11** with this attack at Eve in **Genesis 3:1-7**.

**James 1:12-16** outlines the process that Satan will use to cause us to sin. Remember the warning of verse 16, *“do not be deceived.”* Satan is an excellent liar and will cause us to think wrong thoughts about God, His Word, and ourselves. Review the lies on the front of this outline and consider which of them you may fall for in your life.

To counter Satan’s attacks, here are a few principles and Scripture passages to guide your mind and behavior:

- ❖ **James 1:14** says we will be drawn away and enticed by our own lust. Temptation is an individual battle. What may be a struggle for one may not be a struggle for you. What is your “lust” problem that Satan may exploit? For Eve, it was the “tree.” Into what temptation is Satan trying to draw you?
- ❖ If you are being drawn to sin, turn to **James 4:7, 8**, and prayerfully pursue it. What should you do?
- ❖ If you are being enticed by some “bait” which makes you deny the consequences of disobedience, read **II Peter 2:12-15** and **Hebrews 5:11-14** and obey them in studying God’s Word to have your senses trained for right and wrong. Write out what these passages tell you about your sin and need for maturity.
- ❖ If you have already sinned from temptation, read **I John 1:9** and confess your sins. What confession should you make right now?
- ❖ If God is already disciplining you from a past sin, read **Hebrews 12:4-13**. From that passage, what is God’s goal for you now? Prayerfully allow Him to empower you to that end.



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