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THE SOURCE OF SIN
GENESIS 3:1-7



Mark Sanford

“... How in the world this lightning strike snuck up on us I am still not quite sure. As I have said to you before I certainly had a special feeling about you from the first time we met, but these feelings were contained and I genuinely enjoyed our special friendship and the comparing of all too many personal notes.”



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TEMPTATION TO SIN COMES FROM SATAN. GENESIS 3:1

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted,
“ I am being tempted by God”;
for God cannot be tempted by evil,
and He Himself does not tempt
anyone



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REVELATION 20:1, 2

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, **the serpent** of old, who is the devil and **Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years;



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EZEKIEL 28

'Thus says the Lord God, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;



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EZEKIEL 28

And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. “You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you *there*. You were on the holy mountain of God;



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ECCLESIASTES 1:9

“ 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.”



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SATAN USES TIMELESS STRATEGIES TO CAUSE US TO SIN. GENESIS 3:1-7

James 1:14- 16

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived (planao), my beloved brethren.



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STRATEGY #1 GENESIS 3:1

– Engage us on our most vulnerable area.

- II Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his **craftiness**, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of *devotion* to Christ.

“**crafty**”: pan = all, ergon = work

All works, anything goes, whatever...



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STRATEGY #1 GENESIS 3:1

– Engage us on our most vulnerable area.

• Aim at our “own lust.” James 1:14

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed **by his own lust.**

For Eve, it was the “tree.”

What is it for you?



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STRATEGY #1 GENESIS 3:1

- Engage us on our most vulnerable area.
- Disguise himself as harmless, even good for you. “Beautiful serpent”

II Corinthians 11:14-15

No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.



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Revelation 12:3

“(Satan)...a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.”



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STRATEGY #2 GENESIS 3:1-6

–Deceive us with his lies.

John 8:44, 45

“You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **does not stand in the truth** because there is no truth in him. Whenever **he speaks a lie**, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the **father of lies**. “But because speak the truth, you do not believe Me.



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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."



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1ST PRIMARY WAY:

MISUSE THE WORD

- Not inspired, full of errors, not relevant for today

"The Message" on Romans 1

"Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either – women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men – all lust, no love..."



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1ST PRIMARY WAY:

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The Message on I Corinthians 6:9

“Those who use and abuse each other, use and abuse sex, us and abuse the earth and everything in it, don’t qualify as citizens in God’s kingdom.”



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2ND PRIMARY WAY: MISQUOTE THE WORD

1 Timothy 6:10

“**For the love of** money is a root
of all sorts of evil”



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2ND PRIMARY WAY: MISQUOTE THE WORD

John 8:31 32

“If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”



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2ND PRIMARY WAY: MISQUOTE THE WORD

John 15:7

**“If you abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, ask whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.**



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2ND PRIMARY WAY: MISQUOTE THE WORD

Ephesians 5:21, 22

“and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”



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3RD PRIMARY WAY: MISAPPLY THE WORD

I Timothy 2

Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness...



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3RD PRIMARY WAY: MISAPPLY THE WORD

I Timothy 2

...A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, *and* then Eve.



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SATAN'S SIX LIES:

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!”



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GALATIANS 6:7, 8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.



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SATAN'S SIX LIES:

3. No matter what you do, God will accept us all because we all are His children.

“you will be like God.” 3:5



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I JOHN 5:11

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.



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SATAN'S SIX LIES:

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

But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.



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SATAN'S SIX LIES:

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...”



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I JOHN 2:15, 16

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 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.



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SATAN'S SIX LIES:

6. Just believe in yourself.

Salvation must be earned. 3:6

“...she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband.”



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JOHN 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches;
he who abides in Me and I in him, he
bears much fruit, **for apart from Me
you can do nothing.**”



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ISAIAH 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, **And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;** And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.



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STRATEGY #3 GENESIS 3:6,7

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

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.”



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