The Temptation Itch

APRIL BIBLE STUDY SERIES

The Devil Made Me Do It? (The Temptation of Eve) Lesson Three

Genesis 3:1-6 Scripture Lesson

Genesis: 3:1-6 Now the serpent was craftier than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Scripture References Regarding Satan: Revelation 12:9, 20:2 II Corinthians 11:3,14; 2:11 John 8:44 1.There are only Tragic Consequences when We Reject God's Word as the Sole Authority for Our Lives.

2. Harboring a Spirit of Dissatisfaction Often Leads Us to Yield to Temptation.

3. For Temptation to be Appealing, it Usually Contains Some Degree of Truth.

4. When Temptation Comes, the First Thing We Usually Do is Deny or Convince **Ourselves** that there will be No Consequences.

5. There Are Always Consequences When We Give into Temptation.

Takeaways:

 Satan disguises himself and waits for opportunities to tempt us to sin.
 Knowing the Word of God is essential to defend against Satan's lies.

 Adam and Eve were tempted because they desired to experience more than God had allowed.

Takeaways:

- Sin and shame breaks fellowship with God and separates us from His presence.
- ✓ God is a loving Father that calls out to, and goes after, His lost children.

Three Things to Remember:1.The Standard Is God's Word.
2. Sin Is Our Problem.
3. Our Solution Is Christ.

"Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in."

Bible Study Follow Up Chat

1. What was Eve's first mistake?

2. What are some of the strongest temptations that people face today? Why do you think they are so strong?

3. Where are you most likely to feel tempted? At home? In classes? On the job? Somewhere else? Can you avoid this place?

4. When you fail, (and we all do) do you try to hide from the Lord, or do you run and quickly confess? Why?

5. Do you see any repeated patterns or weak points when you give in to temptation?

6. Have you even justified or rationalized giving in to temptation by saying: (a) Everybody is doing it, (b) No one is perfect, (c) God will forgive me, so I might as well do it, (d) God wants me to have a little fun, (e) I did not know it was wrong, (f) Maybe there are some benefits in committing the sin, (g) something else?

7. "You must be aware of your weaknesses because you are certainly being watched and studied, the same way the serpent did to Eve. He sought her out and knew exactly how to capture her attention away from God." Do you agree or disagree? Why?