

# Genesis 3:1-6 - Lesson 09

## The Serpent's Lie

### 1. Satan, the old Serpent

- a. Gen 3 is not a myth, it is history; else the rest of the Bible is vain - Rom 5:19
- b. Sin is real, Adam/Eve were real, Satan is real. Christ is real - 1 Cor 15:45
- c. Satan is called a Dragon, Serpent, Devil, Abaddon, lion - Rev 9:11, 12:9, 1Pet 5:8
- d. He is the prince of this world, and the air - John 12:31, 2Cor 4:4, Eph 2:2, 6:11-12
- e. He has usurped power over the kingdoms of this world - Matt 4:8-9, Gal 1:4

### 2. 3:1 - The Subtil Serpent

- a. Satan is a cherub, cherubs surround God - Eze 1 and 10, 28:12-18, Rev 4:7
- b. Cherubs had animal faces (pagans worship snakes, cows, birds, men) - Rev 4:5-7
- c. The serpent was real, and so is Satan - see 3:14, Isa 65:25
  - i. Devils can work through creatures - Matt 5:11, Luk 22:3, 2 Thess 2:8-9
  - ii. The serpent goes on its belly, but the Devil still walks - Gen 3:14, Job 1:7
  - iii. Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven to earth as lightning - Luk 10:18
- d. Satan is also subtil: wily, crooked, crafty, sly, shrewd, deceitful, treacherous

### 3. 3:2-5 - The Lie

- a. The Devil is the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning - John 8:44
- b. He opposes God by impersonating God - 2 Thess 2:4, Isa 14:12-17
- c. "*Yea, hath God said*" - The Devil's lie starts with doubting God's words.
  - i. God provided everything, but the Devil brings up what he didn't do.
  - ii. He profanes God, makes him seem harsh, and questions his motives
- d. Eve takes away from God's provision, adds to his words, and diminishes death
- e. Matt 4:4 - Man lives by every word... freely is important - Rom 3:24, 1 Cor 2:12
- f. The future garden city will beg for men to drink from it freely - Rev 21:6, 22:17
- g. The serpent beguiled eve by his subtilty of mind - 2 Cor 11:3
  - i. He is a false god with false ministers that appear good - 2 Cor 11:13-16
- h. 3:4 - The lie = God is not true, and he will not judge - 2 Pet 3:4-7
- i. Man can be as gods, enlightenment w/o God, life w/o God, pleasure w/o God.

### 4. 3:6 - The Temptation

- a. Temptation = an opportunity to accomplish a good thing in a bad way
- b. Temptation does not come from God - Jam 1:13-15
- c. The fallen world is full of lust and pride: money, power, pleasure - 1 John 2:15-17
- d. Jesus was tempted but w/o sin - Heb 4:15, Matt 4:1-11
- e. 3:6 Eve sinned for the sake of good reasons, good goals, and good motives.
- f. Adam was not so deceived, but he ate anyway - 1 Tim 2:14, Rom 1:32