

Genesis: The Key to the Bible
(Part 8) Rejection of Perfection

Listening to voices other than God brings dire consequences

We can lose focus and fall into sin even when we encounter God daily

(Genesis 3:1-7) Deception does not reveal its consequences up front

(v.1a) The serpent, Satan, plants a seed of doubt

Ezekiel 28:13-19 tells us that Satan was in Eden

Revelation 12:9 and 20:2 speak of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan.

Isaiah 14:9-15 Satan wanted to take God's place

He is crafty, cunning and powerful (2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15)

He cannot be outsmarted, but he can be overcome by the power of Christ (James 4:7)

The "serpent" did not resemble what we know as a serpent or snake

Satan chose to indwell the body of a pre-curse serpent.

(v.1b-5) The trap is set

(v.1b) The serpent sews seeds of doubt and misdirection

He disguises himself as to appear harmless (2 Cor.11:14)

Introduces the concept that what God says is open to our judgment

"Let's talk about what God said, and how we feel about it."

(v.2-3) Rehearsing the truth of God

(v.4-5) God is keeping a great gift from you, he is restricting you

Causes Eve to lower her view of God

Satan is the original liar (John 8:44)

His lies are aimed at the character of God and the Word of God

(v.6) Even though she was aware of God's goodness and care for her, the woman sinned

(v.6) She was convinced by the serpent, and directly disobeyed God's command

She gave the fruit to her husband and he ate it

Why was her husband there watching the whole interaction unfold?