

## Lessons in Life -- Lesson 4 – Sin Comes to Eden-Part 1

**Introduction:** Genesis 3 tells us the origin of the problems we face in life. Sin, death, and all evil began in a perfect garden. When we understand how this happened, we can understand the problems we face and how to solve them. This week in studying Genesis 3:1 we learn about the nature of temptations that we face from Satan.

**Read this passage at least five times then answer the questions as best you can:**

<sup>KJV</sup> **Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (Gen. 3:1-3 KJV)

Re-read Genesis chapters 1-2. What two primary characteristics of God are revealed in these chapters (look back at the previous lessons)?

Who is the serpent? What does Jesus say about his character in John 8:44?

How does the serpent's statement differ from what God had said in 2:15-17

How does the serpent's first statement to Eve (3:1) illustrate what Jesus said about him?

How does Satan's exaggeration of what God said reflect upon God's goodness (Genesis 1-2)?

How does doubt fit into his strategy? Why is it significant that he begins with a question?

Can you list doubts you have about God's goodness?

Isaiah 57:15 says that God is near to the humble. One major aspect of humility is honesty in prayer before God about our sins. If you pray those doubts to God, laying them out before Him in all honesty, what does Isaiah 57:15 promise you?