

America's Decline Into Darkness

Session 3 - The Fall Of Man – Part 2

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Do Not Be Deceived

Deceived;

- that she could sit in a position of judgment on what God had said
- the implication was that God was not really good
- If God was really good and really cared and really loves us, He would never have put a restriction on us
- God is restrictive - narrow – cruel
- Satan is generous - loves freedom and liberty
- God really is into bondage

The Result Of Our Deception is

- we Question God
- we Question God's Goodness
- we Question God's Nature-Character
- ultimately, we Question GOD'S AUTHORITY!

Satan first CAPTURES THE HEART (MIND) OF EVE by not *loving God with all her heart, soul, mind and strength* - She's sinned in the mind by

- 1) Distrusting God,
- 2) Distrusting His goodness,
- 3) Thinking He's narrow,
- 4) Thinking He's harsh,
- 5) She is changing His Word to accommodate her thinking
- 6) She is not defending God's character,
- 7) She is not defending God's Word,
- 8) She is now believing there is no absolute authority
- 9) She is believing there is no judgment!

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV) Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Eve could have,

- Defended God's Character
- Defended His Goodness
- Defended His Perfect Wisdom
- Defended Their Perfect Contentment
- Defended Their Need of Nothing

Eve should have questioned the tempter to unmask him. Why are you saying this and where is this coming from...Why do you care...Why do you want me to question God...Why do you want me to question God's goodness?

Now Let Us Substitute Our Name and Ask Ourselves These Questions!

THE SEDUCTION – LUST and PRIDE

VERSE 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, she took from its fruit and ate.”

Now we move from thinking to feeling...from the mind to the emotion. We have a thought and we let that thought begin to move and seduce us through our lust through our imagination! Satan has bypassed the front door of reason and has moved us to the backdoor of the imagination. Our Nations Special Agencies Call This In Today’s Terminology Mind Control!

“The ability to detect electrical activity in the brain through the scalp, and to control it, will soon transform medicine and change society in profound ways. Patterns of electrical activity in the brain can reveal a person’s cognition—normal and abnormal. New methods to stimulate specific brain circuits can treat neurological and mental illnesses and control behavior. In crossing this threshold of great promise, difficult ethical quandaries confront us.” Scientific America

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/mind-reading-and-mind-control-technologies-are-coming/>

Satan’s and Technology

Have you ever wondered what the great pyramids found all over the world were really created to accomplish? The recreation of the technology is now nearing completion with AI, the Internet of Things, connected to each human via a nanochip or bot technology. **Genesis 6:5** *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Hive Mind Anyone!

Those of you 60 and over probably remember when the Television was called “Boob Tube.” Many of those who grew up without television believe that sitting in front of a TV would make you stupid! Satan and his army know that a dumb downed population is much easier to enslave into a scientific controlled dictatorship. This is why every Television transmits at 10HZ Alpha Waves. This electromagnetic frequency Alpha Wave produces a positive, optimistic, and somewhat happy state of mind. It enhances your ability to focus on the content and remember the messages transmitted. The main problem is it switches off the critical thinking, analysis, evaluating, and discerning modes of the brain which help you detect hidden lies, psychological manipulation, PROPAGANDA, detecting half-truths, or irrational messages. This leaves you operating totally based on emotion, feelings and the lust of the imagination. (*The Greatest Battle For the Hearts and Minds of Mankind in the History of the World*, Paul McGuire)

Now, do you understand why the Elites do not allow their kids to have mobile phones, pads, laptops but want your kids addicted to them from birth. This will be studied more on our section on the Battle for Our Kids. Satan moved his deception from the garden to every form of media/technology which is now the gateway to the soul of man.

James 1:14-15 *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

Priority Shift

The Original GOAL = To Glorify God – The Perfect Goal! Up to this time the goal of Eve in life was to glorify God to love God with all heart, soul, mind and strength, fulfilling the whole law (Perfect Righteousness) nothing but the love of God in her – to love and honor and praise and glorify God - never any thought about self-satisfaction or self-fulfillment. There was never any thought about personal pleasure, personal gain. Those thoughts didn't exist.

The New GOAL - Self-Fulfillment! Now there is a new thought in her mind, it is this...self-fulfillment. It never existed before. For a moment let's look at **2 Timothy 3:1-7** - *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Eve Now thinks It Is All About Her! She is thinking to herself - "I will finally find satisfaction from the fruit God had denied me. I will be as God because the fruit will allow me to determine for myself what is good and evil. I will no longer be held back from a God that is so restrictive and narrow minded. I will finally be fulfilled as a woman, free from the bondage Adam has placed on me. I will be in charge of my destiny having achieved self-fulfillment.

And here is the first time on earthly soil you have somebody saying essentially what Lucifer said in heaven, **Isaiah 14:12-14**, *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."* "I will...I will...I will...I will...I will," five times, you remember that? Now Eve is saying I will. Self-fulfillment has taken the place of what was once her consuming love for God.

The Worldly System

The whole of the world system is wrapped up in these three things LUST OF THE FLESH, LUST OF THE EYES, PRIDE OF LIFE.

1 John 2:15-17 - *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the*

pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- LUST OF THE FLESH – “She saw that the tree was good for food,” – sinful human nature driven by our senses – carnal - absent a desire to seek after the things of God (**Rom. 7:15-25; 8:2-8; Gal. 5:19-21**)
- LUST OF THE EYES – “She saw that it was a delight to the eyes” – the outward show and love of the material – stuff and glam (**Josh. 7:20-21; 2 Sam.11:2; Matt. 5:27-29; 6:22; Proverbs 17:24; Psalm 73:7**)
- THE PRIDE OF LIFE – “She saw that the tree was able to make one wise” – arrogant self-sufficiency – prone to exaggeration – desiring praise and recognition (**1 John 5:19; Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4; 10:3-5**)

Verse 6

“When the woman saw that the tree was good for food.” Was she hungry? No. There was plenty of food. There was food all over the place. But she had come to believe that there was something satisfying in this food that she had never enjoyed in any other - this is lust. This is the emotions following the imagination absent reason or critical thinking. And now she begins to feel the desire for the satisfaction, the taste, flavor that this fruit can bring. Her actions were not intellectual. Self-Satisfaction drives her. It isn't the glory of God, and it isn't the honor of God, Eve is being seduced by her physical appetite.

Firstly, she is driven for her satisfaction - “good for food” – Lust of the flesh - and that's when sin moves from the mind into the feeling. She's already sinned in the mind, but now the sin is going to work on her emotionally. And it's going to conceive and it's going to bring forth evil, disobedient behavior and that will produce death in exactly the pattern of **James 1:14 and 15**. This is the self-seduction. This is where the feelings follow the seduction of imagination.

Secondly, she also sees that it is a delight to the eyes. "Oh, it so beautiful!" It's exciting her aesthetic appreciation. It's not as if everything else in the garden was brown and ugly, it wasn't. But here again is a selfish discontent. And once the mind went, then the emotions begin to take over and the fruit on that one tree is the only food you really care to eat. The appetites are taking over and conceiving the behavior.

Thirdly, she is convinced that the fruit of the tree will make her wise – “pride of life.” – Eve is self-absorbed and she has every right to gain the wisdom that God had been denying her. This has emotional power. I want that, I want that. And what is happening is, her imagination is shaping sin, it's conceiving sin in her. Satan's Plan Is Working!

Sin Now Conceived Is Given Birth In Action

SIMPLE ACT MASSIVE IMPACT! *“She took from its fruit and ate.”* Mankind now knows evil!! As soon as they distrusted God's Goodness and God's Character and Sin was worked out when they disobeyed His Word by eating the fruit. From the mind to the emotions and the emotions overpowered the will and the will produced the behavior. She took from its fruit and ate –And then it simply says, "She gave also to her husband with her and he ate."

Adam Deceived Not! When Adam took the fruit, he was not deceived according to **1 Timothy 2:14**, but he took of his own free will. Eve, was deceived and had fallen into transgression. Satan had pulled Eve out from under her protector. Where was Adam? What was he doing that left his wife vulnerable? Why did he take and eat without hesitation? What was he thinking?

The Drama! Maybe Eve took him back through the process of how she had been approached by this amazingly wonderful reptile and maybe she said to Adam..."Guess what, Adam, I didn't die, I didn't die! I ate the fruit, and I didn't die! Adam, it is the most delicious fruit I have ever eaten, and I feel like I have never felt before, I feel like a god! If you eat it We'll both, be like a god, Adam." "You know, Adam, maybe we didn't hear God right. It tastes so good, it made me feel so good, like a power running through me. Adam, here take and eat you will be as a god, Adam, I didn't die."

When We Sin What Is Beneath the Surface?

- We have in that sin believed that we will get greater enjoyment by sinning than by not sinning
- We have believed that God's promise of blessing for righteousness really isn't true
- We believe that we will get greater joy out of our personal fulfillment by violating God's law then we would get if we obeyed it
- Which means we have believed the lie

To Live In Sin

- We work through our guilt making it illegitimate and wrong
- We work through the fear of judgment
- We work through the fear of God
- We silence our conscience - the fear of judgment - fabric of the law of God written in our heart
- Society today is flaunting our sins; we flaunt it collectively effectively riding over the top of our guilt.
- The drumbeats in our society "There will be no judgment" - it is all about love - equity – freedom – throwing down the wisdom of old – defining life by our enlightened standard. And that is the lie.

Christ's Temptation Our Blueprint For Victory

Luke 4:1-13 *Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"* 5 *Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"* 9 *Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"* 12 *And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the*

LORD your God.' ” 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

The Temptations Were The Same

- **LUST OF THE FLESH** - "If You're the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." – drop God's plan satisfy your desire for food by employing your divine powers
- **LUST OF THE EYES** - Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." – Satan "ruler of this world," (**John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11**) "god of this age" (**2 Cor. 4:4**), the whole world is under his power (**1 John 5:19**) offers the material wealth of the world without the cross in exchange for Jesus' worship
- **THE PRIDE OF LIFE** - "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' Satan twist **Psalm 91:11-12** if you trust God then you should test God and by doing so the people will give you the glory due God.

The Response Was The Difference

LUST OF THE FLESH - 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. (**Deut. 8:3**)"

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PRIDE OF LIFE - 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God. (**Deut. 6:16**)"

Christ overcame his fleshly desires by using the Word of God to stay true to the Will of God – All Glory Given To God Not To Self-Fulfillment!

Christ demonstrates this again in the Garden of Gethsemane; **Mark 14:35-36** - He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." It was in this denial of His will and the surrender to the Will of the Father that Christ's obedience reached its highest perfection. The value of the sacrifice of His life on Calvary was derived from His sacrifice of the will in Gethsemane!

The Shame

Genesis 3:7 - *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

Satan had done his work and disappeared from the garden. Adam and Eve were left to face God.

Their eyes were opened!

- they saw evil
- their personal evil
- they became aware of their wickedness
- they felt guilt
- they felt fear
- they felt wicked/evil desires
- their perversion
- their lust
- they felt shame

At the very heart of all these things they were now feeling was their focus shift from glorifying God to glorifying self. They were now self-conscious. As Derick Kidner wrote, "This was a grotesque anticlimax to the dream of enlightenment," as sin always is.

Their Innocence Was Lost – Their Purity Was Lost! The same garden - same spouse - same creatures - same sky – same God, but now their pure world, their pure relationship with God and each other has been lost!

When Sin Enters It Comes With,

- Perverse Evil Thoughts
- Impure Thoughts
- Shock, Shame and Embarrassment
- A marriage polluted!
- A Darkened and Broken Relationship With God

They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings in a feeble effort to cover their shame and to cover their guilt. They could cover their bodies, but they couldn't hide their sin!

Only God can cover our sins and He requires a blood sacrifice. **Genesis 3:21**, it says, "The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them." The first life sacrificed on earth was that of an animal, good but not enough. The animal was enough to cover our sin temporarily but to wash away our sin completely required the perfect blood sacrifice of Jesus the Son of God.

The Christian Response To Temptation is understanding that God's Word will always give us the truth in regards to the Character of God!

Defeating the Satanic World System

Can we overcome the satanic world system which has wrapped itself in the delicious forbidden fruit? A system that sells the pleasure without the pain. A system that sells the gain without the sacrifice. A system that sells godship without the Cross. YES! How? The answer is given us in **Luke 9:23** *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

Eve's battle and ours is a battle of wills, our will be done, or God's will be done.

Word

Romans 12:1-3 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Worship

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

KEY VERSES – “lust of the flesh”

Romans 7:15-25 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:2-8 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Key Verses – “lust of the eyes”

Joshua 7:20-21 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

2 Samuel 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

Matthew 5:27-29 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast

Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be

Proverbs 17:24 Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of

Psalm 73:7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

KEY VERSES – “pride of life”

1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;