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A. Introduction

1. Pastor Joe believes in a literal 7-day creation story and this literal temptation story. This story of “the fall” is literal, not metaphorical.
2. By understanding how temptation works, we can devise a strategy to gain victory and overcome temptation.
3. By looking closer at this story, we see the importance of man’s role in God’s plan.

B. Study Section

1. Satan is always crafty and deceptive, and he bends the truth.

Genesis 3:1, NASB95 – ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made....

2. Satan always challenges the authority of God’s Word.

Genesis 3:1, NASB95 - ¹ ...And [Satan] said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

Genesis 2:16–17, NASB95 - ¹⁶ [God said]...“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat ...”

“Satan’s statement conveys the assumption that God’s Word is subject to our judgment.” - Dr. Derek Kidner (*Genesis*, IVP, p. 76.)

3. Satan always questions God’s character.

“**LORD GOD**” (formal) v.1 vs. “Lord” (personal) in vv. 2-13.

4. Satan always contradicts the certainty of God’s judgment.

Genesis 3:4, NASB95 - 4 The serpent said to the woman, “You surley will not die!”

5. Satan always promises the pleasure but omits the pain.

Genesis 3:5, NASB95 - ⁵ “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

C. Overcoming Temptation

1. Know that when Satan speaks, “he is ALWAYS lying.”
2. God will never lead you to do something contrary to His Word.
3. We must affirm the consequences of sin.
4. We must remember that sin will bring forth a pain which will outlast momentary pleasure.
5. The biblical prescription for sin is to “flee.”

1 Corinthians 6:18, NKJV - ¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality...

Psalms 119:11, NKJV - ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

D. A Word to Men

1. God made man (Adam) first—then woman (Eve).
2. When God made Adam, God gave him his responsibility and made a covenant with Adam. (See Ex. 3:15 and Ex. 24:23)
3. That covenant made Adam responsible for the family.
4. When Adam and Eve fell, God didn’t ask, “Where are y’all?” God asked, “Adam, where are you?”
5. The Bible says, “In Adam, all men die.”

1 Corinthians 15:22, NASB95 - ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. (See Romans 5:12)

6. **The biggest temptation you face as a man is to not be the protector, the provider, the prophet (spiritual leader) and priest (spiritual advocate) in your home.**