



Good or GOD?

HOW'D IT HAPPEN



*So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. **(James 1:16-17 NLT)***

12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. 13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, **“God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.** 14 Temptation comes from **our own desires**, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

(James 1:12-17 NLT)

SPIRITUAL DECEPTION:

| *believing we are aligned with the truth, when in actuality we're not*

(This was in week 1)

The Author Posed a Question:

| *What else have I viewed as good
that's not good in God's eyes?*

- Let's Discuss -

The Author Posed another Question:

*Would it be beneficial to go back to
where it all began: The Garden of Eden.*

- Let's Discuss -

*“Just how did the serpent get Eve
to turn on God?”*

- Let's Discuss -



*Let's examines his approach -
Genesis 3:1-7 (Messsage)*

Revealed vs Communicated Knowledge?

13 “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am”?

15. “But who do you say that I am?”

— *Matt. 16:13/15*

— Communicate

- 1. Share or exchange information, news or ideas.*
- 2. Pass on an infectious disease to another person or animal*

— *Reveal*

- 1. Make previously unknown or secret information known to others.*
- 2. cause or allow something to be seen*
- 3. make something known to human by divine or supernatural means*

Peter's Response

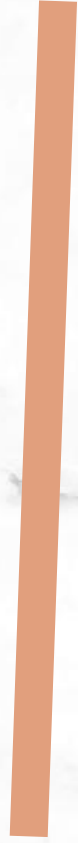
16. *“You are the Christ, the Son of
the living God”*

— *Matt. 16:16*

Jesus Response

17 *“Blessed you are Simon Bar-Jonah for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but My Father who is in Heaven”*

— Matt. 16:17

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*Your response will always line
up with God when something is
revealed to you through the
Holy*

Where's your Attention?

The enemy will direct your attention to something to begin a persuasive ploy that will be cleverly wrapped in what seems to be sound reasoning with the promise of a benefit.

Genesis 3:7

The enemy wanted Eve to feel like she was missing out on doing something or knowing something only God knew. He proposed something that would take them to a higher level with God since there was Good in the tree...have you ever done something that had Good in it but Not God in it!!!

Got-Em!!! (Gen. 3:6)

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

*The Enemy sought to skew the evidence.
The appearance of the forbidden tree was
good and pleasant but God said don't eat
or touch it or **you** will surely Die!*

Authors Point

The enemy was able to get Eve to turn on her Creator by undermining her perspective of God's character. Often I had to fight off similar thoughts in the heat of battle when I'm not seeing the prayer answered as quickly as I'd hoped. The serpent got Eve to believe there was something good for her that God was withholding. If this was successfully accomplished in a perfect environment, with a woman who had never before been lied to abused, offended, or taken advantage of how much easier is the enemy task today in a fallen world filled with offense, corruption, perversion, and deceit?



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Thank you for joining us today.

“Don’t be misled my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all that gives light in the shining of Whom there can be no variation rising or setting or shadow cast by His turning

— James 1:16-17