



Genesis 3:6 The 3 Roots of Sin

[6] The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- 3** roots of sin from 1 John 2:16 with
- the sin of Eve and Adam in Genesis 3:6 and
 - the victory over temptation by Jesus in Matthew 4:3–10.

Framework: The Three Roots of Sin

1 John 2:16

"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."

Root of Sin (1 John 2:16) Eve & Adam's Temptation (Genesis 3:6) Jesus' Temptation (Matthew 4:3–10)

1. Lust of the Flesh *"The tree was good for food"* – Appealed to physical appetite *"Command these stones to become bread"* (Matt. 4:3) – Hunger in the wilderness

Lust of the Eyes *"It was pleasant to the eyes"* – A visual appeal *"Showed Him all the kingdoms... and their glory"* (Matt. 4:8) – Temptation by sight

Pride of Life *"Desirable to make one wise"* – A desire to be like God *"Throw Yourself down... angels will catch You"* (Matt. 4:6) – A test of pride and presumption

Key Insights

- Adam and Eve failed at each level of temptation, giving in to **desire, sight, and self-exaltation**.
- Jesus was **victorious by quoting Scripture** and depending fully on the **Word of God**, not His own will.
- Satan used the **same three avenues** of temptation in both cases—but only Jesus overcame them all.

"I feel or desire and I want..."

Application

- Recognize that every temptation falls into these three categories.
- Like Jesus, we overcome by knowing Scripture, trusting God's truth over the

world's appeal, and submitting to His power to live for His glory.



2. Lust of the Eyes

- **Adam & Eve:** *"It was pleasant to the eyes"* – They saw beauty and desired it apart from God's will.
- **Jesus:** Satan showed Him *"all the kingdoms of the world and their glory"* (Matt. 4:8), but Jesus refused to worship Satan to get them.
- **Lesson:** *Don't chase what looks good — seek what is godly.*

Jesus said: *"You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."* (Matt. 4:10)

"I see and I desire or want..."



3. Pride of Life

- **Adam & Eve:** *"Desirable to make one wise"* – They wanted to "be like God," exalting self.
- **Jesus:** Satan tempted Him to jump from the temple to prove He was the Son of God (Matt. 4:6).
- **Lesson:** *Don't try to prove yourself — trust God's timing and truth.*

Jesus replied: *"You shall not tempt the Lord your God."* (Matt. 4:7)

"Look at me—who I am and what I have accomplished..."



Conclusion: The Contrast Between the First Adam and the Last Adam

Adam & Eve	Vs. Jesus Christ
Gave in to temptation	Overcame every temptation
Listened to Satan's lies	Stood on God's Word
Brought sin and death	Brought righteousness and life
Failed in the Garden	Triumphed in the Wilderness & the garden of Gethsemane



Application for Believers

1. **Be aware:** All temptation falls under these three categories.
 2. **Be armed:** Jesus responded with Scripture-God's Word — so must we.
 3. **Be aligned:** Victory is possible when we walk in the Spirit, not the flesh.
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Key Supporting Verses for Victory:

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful... with the temptation will also make the way of escape."

— 1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 CSB

[3] For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, [4] since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments [5] and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. [6] And we are ready to punish any disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

Philippians 4:4-9 and changing the channel of our mind in 4:8

Let us walk like Jesus with the Spirit of Christ , not like Adam — resisting the world's appeal with the truth of God's Word, the power of the Spirit, and the humility of Christ.

Supporting passages

Romans 1:18-32 esp. 1:22-24, then 1:26 & 1:28

Romans 5:12-21

II Corinthians 11:3

I Timothy 2:8-15

Galatians 5:16-6:10

Other Bible passages showing the roots and pattern of sin

2 Samuel 11 (*David & Bathsheba*) Desired her sexually Saw her bathing Took her using royal power

Joshua 7 (*Achan's Sin*) Coveted goods Saw beautiful spoil Hid it, assumed impunity

Luke 12:16–21 (*Rich Fool*) "Eat, drink, be merry" Fixated on goods Self-glory, no thought of God

Isaiah 14 (*Satan's Fall*) — — "I will ascend... I will be like the Most High"



Personal Reflection Questions

1. Where do I see **lust of the flesh** tempting me most often?
 2. What things do my **eyes desire** that God hasn't given me?
 3. In what ways am I tempted to **boast in self** or seek status?
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Victory Through Christ

Jesus, our perfect example, confronted each root of sin:

- **Flesh:** He said "*Man shall not live by bread alone...*"
- **Eyes:** Rejected the kingdoms of the world.
- **Pride:** Refused to test God by jumping from the temple.

Hebrews 4:15 – "...yet without sin."

We overcome by:

- **Walking in the Spirit** (Galatians 5:16)
- **Renewing our minds** (Romans 12:2)
- **Fixing our eyes on Jesus** (Hebrews 12:2)