

False Advertising

The Implied Message of Sin

Satan says: “God is lying to you”

A brief lesson in Hebrew:

Genesis 2:17 מוֹת תָּמוּת pronounced “Moat timoot” means “dying, you will die” (you will surely die)

Genesis 3:4 לֹא-מוֹת תִּמְתּוּן pronounced “lo moat timmettoon” “no, dying you will not die” (you will not surely die)

Satan says: “God is holding something back from you”

Sometimes God does hold things back

Why would God put the forbidden fruit in the garden, anyway?

A direct attack on God’s character

The allure of sin is a direct attack on God’s character, that he is good, that he is honest, that he is trustworthy, that he faithfully keeps his promises, that he is delightful and fulfilling. “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

The Deceitfulness of Sin – Three Lies

Impunity from sin – “You will not die”

Improvement on God’s design – “Your eyes will be opened”

Independence – “You will be like God”

The Covering for Sin

God’s salvation

Vs. 21 – Jack Collins writes, “Rather than rejecting his defiled creatures, God replaces their pathetic fig-leaf loincloths with something more durable.”

It requires the death of an animal to cover their nakedness, just as it will require the death of Jesus to cover their sin.

God’s heart

Vs. 22 – An incomplete sentence, “suggestive of strong emotion” (Jack Collins).

Our response: faith

Questions for Personal Study

1. Is it easy for you to trust God? Why or why not?
2. How does sin come to you in lies?
3. Which of the three lies are you most tempted by: impunity, improvement, or independence? Why?
4. How is faith the perfect medicine for the problem of sin?