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The Lies We Believe

Genesis 3:1-7





“Indeed the safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”

C.S. Lewis



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Breakdowns in life

- Satan is cunning 1
 - John 8 – ‘father of lies’
 - ‘shrewd’ ‘crafty’ ‘subtle’ – unsuspecting!
- Satan is misleading
- Satan is degrading
- Satan is demeaning
- Satan is deceiving






"The essence of temptation is the invitation to live independently of God."

Neil T. Anderson





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Breakdowns in life


- Satan is cunning
- Satan is misleading 1
 - Is it really true? Is it really that bad?
 - God's Word is NOT subject to our judgment!
- Satan is degrading
- Satan is demeaning
- Satan is deceiving






"Many a dangerous temptation comes
to us in gay, fine colors, that are but
skin-deep." Matthew Henry





2 The woman said to the serpent,
“From the fruit of the trees of the
garden we may eat;





3 but from the fruit of the tree which
is in the middle of the garden, God
has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or
touch it, or you will die.’”






4 The serpent said to the woman,
“You surely will not die!



Breakdowns in life

- Satan is cunning
- Satan is misleading
- Satan is degrading 2-4
 - Elohim – powerful NOT Yahweh – personal
 - Bad but not worst!
- Satan is demeaning
- Satan is deceiving






“A moderated religion is as good for us as
no religion at all – and more amusing.”


C.S. Lewis





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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.”



Breakdowns in life

- Satan is cunning
- Satan is misleading
- Satan is degrading
- Satan is demeaning 2-5
 - God is keeping best from you
 - Sin is not so bad – faith is so limiting!
- Satan is deceiving





“That was a complete distortion and
travesty of God’s word. God’s
generosity was perverted by Satan’s
question to suggest divine stinginess!”

Kent Hughes



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; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.



7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.






1 John 2:16	Genesis 3:6	Matthew 4
lust of eyes	delight to eyes	see the kingdoms
lust of flesh	good for food	stones to bread
pride of life	make one wise	cast yourself off



Breakdowns in life

- Satan is cunning
- Satan is misleading
- Satan is degrading
- Satan is demeaning
- Satan is deceiving 6,7
 - 1 John 2:15, Matt 4
 - Bait and Hook!





"Temptations are like tramps. Treat them kindly, and they will return bringing others with them."


Dwight L. Moody



Build-ups in life

- Look out! Beware of what seems new – NOT!
- Look up! God's Word is still the antidote
- Look around! God is true for ALL time
- Look down! Time shows consequences
- Look past! Behind the pleasure is the pain





"Satan gives Adam an apple, and takes
away Paradise. Therefore in all
temptations let us consider not what
he offers, but what we shall lose."

Richard Sibbes





Jesus agrees with the Psalms – each
temptation is to be met with Scripture!



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