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Read: Genesis 3:1–13

- WHAT IS Temptation?
- TEMPTATION IS... That which moves us to sin.

• 2 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) ... the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

WHAT AREAS OF TEMPTATION DOES SATAN USE TO TRAP US?

• The Lust of the Flesh -- Eve saw that the tree was good for food

• The Lust of the Eyes -- Eve saw that the tree was pleasant to the eyes

• The Pride of Life -- Eve saw that the tree was to be desired to make one wise

THE FALL INTO WORLDLINESS:

- James 4:4 -- A FRIEND OF THE WORLD (1 JN 3:13)
- James 1:27 -- SPOTTED BY THE WORLD
- Romans 12:2 -- BEING CONFORMED TO THE WORLD
- 1 Cor 11:32 -- BEING CONDEMNED WITH THE WORLD
- 1 John 2:15-17 -- THE LOVE OF THE WORLD

WHAT DO YOU LOVE?

• If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

• This is a warning against worldliness & its various temptations

- If the flesh has its own way, we can fall into sin
- Any desire of humanity can become ungodly when God's will, plan and purpose is not in it

 DID SATAN USE THESE AREAS OF TEMPTATION -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- WHEN DEALINNG WITH EVE?

• **Genesis 3:6 (NIV)** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- The Woman Listened To The Slander Of The Devil Against God;
- She Began To Doubt God's Word And God's Love.
- She Looked At The Thing Which God Had Prohibited
- Adam Did Nothing To Stop The Process Of Sin.
- He Took The Fruit From Her And Ate With Her.
- They Were Both Transgressors

 LESSON 1: THE WAY TO GOD'S BEST, IS NEVER THE WAY OF SHORT-CUTS

 This First Sin Was About A Temptation To Short Circuit And Disbelieve God's Plan And Instead Take A Man-made (Satanically Inspired) Short Cut.

LESSON #2 – WE SHOULD NEVER DOUBT GOD'S LOVE

 There was in the serpents question an insinuation of doubt regarding God's love.

 Their Sin Was A Refusal On The Part Of Adam And Eve To Submit Themselves To The Will Of God, And To Have God Determine The Course Of Their Life; It Was Their Determination To Settle This For Themselves

 Sin is only possible, and was only possible to man at the beginning, because he had a free spiritual personality.

They could choose to either obey or disobey. (Free Will)

- WHAT HAPPENDED WHEN ADAM AND EVE ATE THE FRUIT OF THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL?
- They fell from the image (likeness) of God and –
- Their eyes were opened.
- They knew they were naked.
- They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.
- They hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Adam And Eve Become Aware Of Their Own Flesh (Before God)

They Felt For The Very First Time Shame, Guilt And Fear

- WHAT WAS THE UNIVERSAL RESULT OF MAN'S FALL FELT BY US ALL?
- Sin entered into the world and death came as a result of sin.
- Romans 3:23 (NIV) 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Romans 5:12 (NIV) 12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—
- Romans 6:23 (NIV) 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

JUST AS GOD HAD SAID: THEY NOW FACED DEATH

They Underwent A Spiritual Death

They Would Face Physical Death

This Was Not Immediate Death -- It Was An Imminent Death

WHEN ADAM & EVE SINNED EVERTHING CHANGED RAPIDLY

- They Came Under Immediate Condemnation And Future
 Punishment What A Change From The Blessing They Had Once
 Known And Enjoyed
- They Were No Longer Righteous, Innocent, Moral, Upright
- They Were Now Sinners Defined By Disobedience, Guilt, Shame And Fear
- Their Intellect, Understanding And Will, Were Tainted
- They Lost Their Original Right Standing With God And Their Fellowship With God
- They Were Now Ashamed And Self-conscious

- 1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (NIV) 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- **Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) 11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.