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Philippians 4:7
7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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Romans 16:20
The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.



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How?


**How does the “God of Peace”
Crush Satan under our feet?**



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Genesis 3


1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden



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Genesis 3

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,



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Genesis 3

3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'



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Genesis 3

4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'



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Genesis 3

6 So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.



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Genesis 3

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.



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Genesis 3

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.



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Genesis 3

9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."



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Genesis 3

11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."



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Genesis 3

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."



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Observations

1. Eden was likely large, think square miles
2. Somehow man wandered over near the two trees in the garden to investigate
3. Eve's sin began by proximity to temptation, allowing the devil access



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Observations

- 4. The devil attacked Eve because she was the most vulnerable to deception
- 5. Eve amplified deception by talking
- 6. Eve didn't know the word of God accurately nor was it her priority to know
- 7. Eve enticed by new and exciting things



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Genesis 3

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.



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Genesis 3

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."



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Genesis 3

16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”



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Genesis 3

17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;



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Genesis 3

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. **19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”



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Devil and his Instruments Punished

The devil's instruments must share in the devil's punishments. The serpent (animal) was cursed to crawl in the dust and be despised. Eve was likewise punished directly for her complicity in the devil's attack. Adam was punished indirectly through the ground being cursed (his work).



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Dangers of Temptation

1. Proximity - Eve wandered near the tree
2. Talk - Eve talked with the devil
3. Blinded – Deceptive words blind to reality
4. Impulse – Eve made a quick decision
5. Influence – Eve used influence on Adam
6. Contagious – Adam sinned because Eve



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Possessions as a Distraction

Devil's primary strategy was to distract Eve from what she had and focus her on what she did not have. She had an amazing relationship with God and an enormous garden of fruit and vegetables. She was tempted to possess the fruit from the one forbidden tree.




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Purpose of Possession Obsession
 Devil attempts to agitate, irritate and aggravate God's people to move them off their place of peace.
 Peace (rest) creates a channel for God to speak and act. Agitation creates a channel for the devil to speak and act.




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A.W. Tozer - The Pursuit of God
 "There is within the human heart a tough, fibrous root of fallen life whose nature is to possess, always to possess. It covets things with a deep and fierce passion... Things have become necessary to us, a development never originally intended. God's gifts now take the place of God, and the whole course of nature is upset by the monstrous substitution."



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How do we crush the devil in possession obsession?



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1 Timothy 6:5-6

5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth imagining that godliness is a means of gain. **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain,



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1 Timothy 6:7-8

7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. **8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.



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Contentment crushes resentment



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Philippians 4

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.



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Philippians 4

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.



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Philippians 4

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



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Contentment is a Fruit

“Contentment is the direct fruit of having no higher ambition than to belong to the Lord, at His disposal.”


- Sinclair Ferguson



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Faith is Looking to Jesus


Faith is looking to Jesus with spiritual eyes to meet our needs



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Where Are We Looking?

Unbelief is looking to Offender for justice (Unforgiveness)	Faith is looking to Jesus for justice (Forgiveness)
Possessions for status, security and success (Love of money)	Jesus for our status and success (Love of God)
Our mind for the answers (Anxiety)	Jesus for answers (Peace)



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