

1 Man was deceived by Satan's lies.

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.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."

GENESIS 3:3,4

(Read also **GENESIS 3:5**.)

Satan is God's enemy and he hates what God loves. He is determined to destroy God's creation and exalt himself above God. He is also the father of lies, deceiving mankind and confusing us regarding God's promises and commands. Satan, in the form of a serpent, deceived Adam and Eve about God's commands. When we listen to the father of lies, we will surely end up doubting God's Word and stray from His design and purpose in our lives. What does Jesus say about how we can know and abide in the truth? (John 8:31,32)

2 Man disobeyed God's command.

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. **GENESIS 3:6**

Because Adam and Eve listened to Satan's lies, they fell into temptation and disobeyed God's command. When we listen to lies, we stray from God's intended purpose for us and our relationship with Him. The lies of the enemy deceive us, making us believe we know what is best for ourselves apart from God's command—this leads to disobedience, which results in death and eternal separation from God (Romans 3:23). How does being separate from God cause us to forget our identity and the purpose He gave us? Tell about a time the lies of the enemy caused you to forget the true words of God.

3 Man was found and clothed by God.

⁸And 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. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" . . . ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. **GENESIS 3:8,9,21**

(Read also **GENESIS 3:7-24**.)

Despite man's disobedience, God initiated reconciliation with them. Even though God knew exactly where Adam and Eve were, both physically and spiritually, He sought them out and wanted to know how they were and what led them to disobey Him. He provided them with clothing of skins when they saw that they were naked, thus making the first sacrifice for sin. Even now, God desires to bring back His relationship with us and cleanse us from our sin. How has God revealed Himself to you and reconciled your relationship with Him?

APPLICATION

- Do you have an intimate relationship with God? Do you desire to continuously walk with Him? Would like to make the decision to do so today?
- Are there lies that Satan has been throwing at you? What are two things that you can do this week to abide in the Word and live in God's truth?
- Do you have a family member or friend who needs to be reminded of his or her original purpose and identity in God? Commit to pray for and preach the gospel to that person this week.