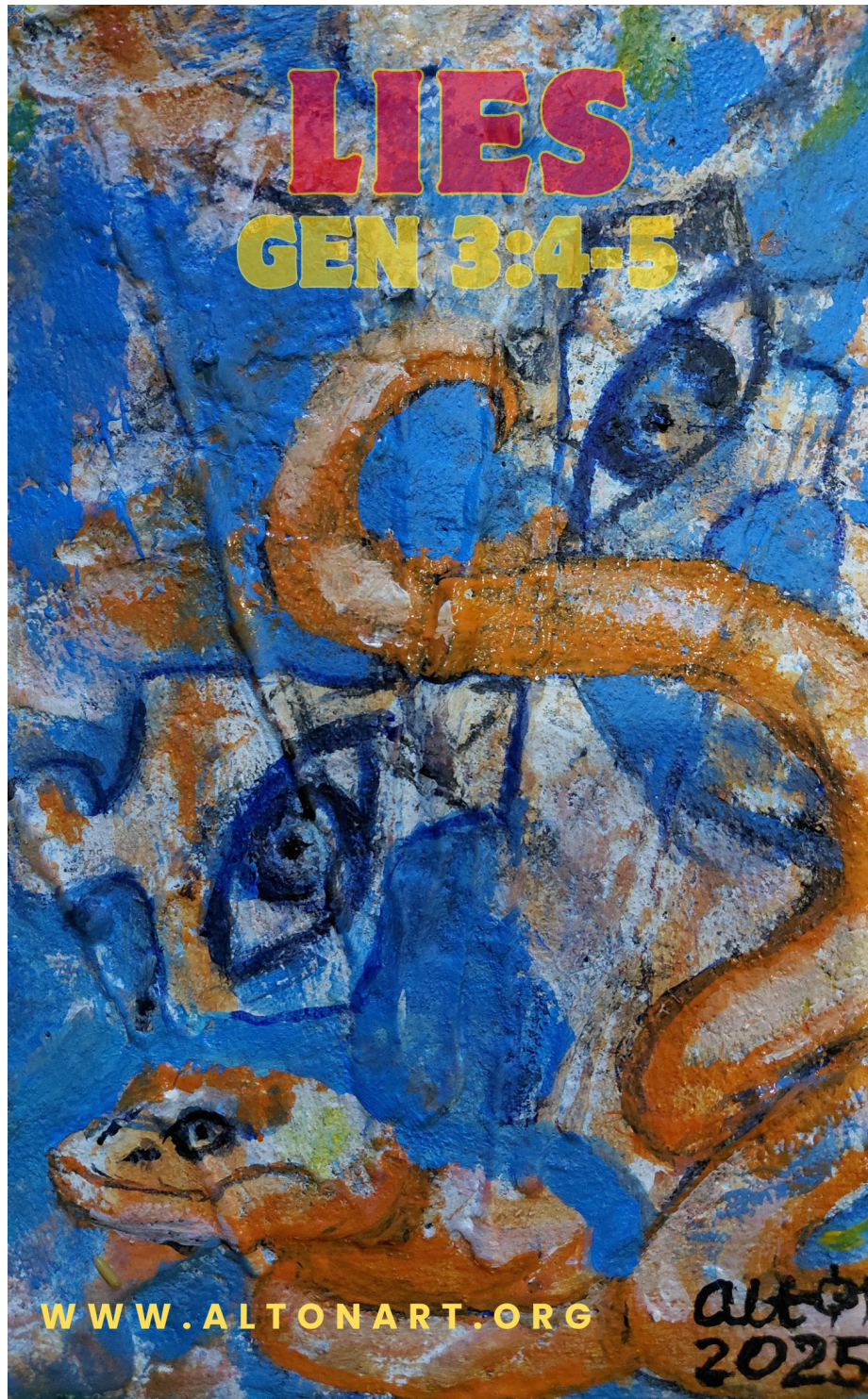


FORBIDDEN FRUIT STUDY NO. 9: LIES

"Let's Face It and Fix It!"

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." - Genesis 3:4-5

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SECTION 1: THE SUMMARY

1. **THE ROOT (The Starting Point) Genesis 3:4-5 (The Lie):** The serpent challenged the consequence ("Ye shall not surely die") and offered a false promise (autonomy/power: "ye shall be as gods"), introducing doubt that leads to deliberate self-deception.
 2. **THE SECRET TREASURE (Matthew 6:21) Truth and Trust:** Treasuring the **absolute reliability of God's Word** and His character more than the flattering, comfortable lies that promise freedom through disobedience.
 3. **MY TRUE COLOURS (THE MIRROR) (Galatians 5:19) Self-Sovereignty:** A deep-seated need to be the ultimate authority in one's own life, manifesting as a rejection of clear boundaries and a need to *prove* God's rules are unnecessary or wrong.
 4. **THE AWAKENING (The "Hello Me!" Statement) The Acceptance:** "Hello Me! I see that I have been rejecting God's clear truth because I am seeking the lie of **Self-Sovereignty**—the right to define what is good and evil for myself."
 5. **STRONGER FAMILY GOAL Humble Obedience:** Protecting the **foundation** of your household by refusing the temptation of autonomy and actively placing every decision under the authority of God's Word. **Stop the Authority Grab. Start the Trust.**
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SECTION 2: INTERACTIVE STUDY (The Deep Work)

Answer these questions privately to begin your restoration.

1. The Challenge to Consequence

The serpent's first move was to directly challenge God's warning: "*Ye shall not surely die.*" This lie makes disobedience seem safe.

- **Question 1:** Identify one area in your life where you are currently engaging in a behavior that God's Word clearly calls sin, and you are quietly whispering to yourself: "*The consequence won't be that bad.*"

2. The Lure of Godhood

The second lie promised power: "*ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*" This means being your own final judge.

- **Question 2:** Where does your **Self-Sovereignty** show up most often? Is it through intellectual pride (believing you know better than the Bible), control (insisting your way is best), or a refusal to ask for help?

3. The Family Lie

When one person operates in self-sovereignty, it forces others in the family to comply with their self-made rules, creating chaos and confusion.

- **Question 3:** What specific rule, boundary, or belief have you enforced in your home or marriage that contradicts or goes beyond what God's Word clearly teaches? How does this rule serve your own desire for control?

4. The "Hello Me!" Awakening

- **Action Step:** Write your "Hello Me!" statement here. Be honest.

"Hello Me! I see that I have been rejecting God's clear truth because I am seeking the lie of **Self-Sovereignty**—the right to define what is good and evil for myself, especially regarding..... [The specific boundary you reject]."

SECTION 3: CONCLUSION - Lies (Genesis 3:4-5)

The Exposure: My True Colours: Serpent

We identify **Self-Sovereignty**—the rejection of clear boundaries and the desperate need to prove that we are capable of being our own ultimate judge, which is the root of the serpent's lie.

The Awakening/Acceptance: Hello Me!

This is your "Hello Me!" moment. It is the awakening where you realize: **"I have been trading the absolute truth and safety of God's Word for the flattering but fatal lie of being my own god."**

Transforming the 'Lie' into Family Strength

The "Hello Me!" moment establishes **Humble Obedience** as a foundational family strength. By choosing to submit to God's truth, you model reliance on an immutable source of safety and wisdom, replacing chaos with peace.

How to Act Today on Your "Hello Me!" Moment:

1. **Stop the Claim:** Identify one area where you say, "This rule doesn't apply to me," and write down the corresponding Bible verse that contradicts that thought.
2. **Voice the Truth:** Confess the specific area of **Self-Sovereignty** (Question 2) to a trusted partner or mentor, acknowledging that you've been acting as judge and jury.
3. **Start the Trust:** Willingly submit to one God-given authority in your life (spouse, church leader, government) this week, even if you disagree with their decision, as a practice of surrendering the need for final control.

"A 'Hello Me!' moment is the end of the lie and the beginning of the legacy."

Notes:

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