



Did He Really Say...?

| GENESIS 3 |

HaSatan is famous for using the word of Yahweh to seduce and deceive. In the case with Eve in the Garden of Eden, the serpent calls into question the very words of God, opening the door to doubt by Eve. This stresses the importance of hiding His word in our hearts so when we are asked, “Did He really say...,” we are armed with truth.



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Topical Study Guide

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Genesis 3:1-24

Living in perfect paradise, Adam and Eve had it all, except for access to the fruit of one tree - the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Falling prey to the weils of the cunning serpent, they altered the course of human history forever with one bite of forbidden fruit.

YAHWEH'S INSTRUCTIONS

We need to back up to Gen. 2:16-17 to find Yahweh's original instruction to Adam allowing him to eat from all of the trees in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Why do you think Yahweh forbid this one fruit?

THE ENEMY'S QUESTION, EVE'S ANSWER

The serpent first calls into question if Yahweh really did say what Eve understood to be true before convincing her she wil not die, but rather have knowledge and be more like G-d. She then decides it is good for food and desirable in her eyes. What subtleties did the serpent use to trick Eve into disobeying Yahweh? What could Eve have done to thwart the enemy's attack? Why is Adam not specifically mentioned here?



EYE-PLEASING THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

Eve was attracted to the fruit and we are told it was pleasing, or desirable, in her eyes. However, this seemingly beautiful fruit came with deadly consequences. How could Eve's pleasure in seeing the fruit have influenced her desire to actually eat the fruit? How do things you see as pleasant and desirable affect you? What beautiful thing tempted you this week?

CONSEQUENCES OF DECEPTION

The consequences for Eve, and Adam alike, for falling into deception were immediate, devastating, and far reaching. No longer were they unashamed, but their nakedness had been exposed, they were removed from the Garden of Eden and intimate fellowship with Yahweh, and the entirety of humankind has been born into this separation from our Creator. How did their fall change their relationship with Yahweh? As the spiritual head of his family, what was Adam's responsibility in the event? How do you think this changed Adam and Eve's relationship?



Even today, we still battle against the serpent and his deceptions. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10), so we must be ready to go to war against him. We have been given the whole armor of G-d to defend ourselves (Eph. 6:11, 13) and are told to hide Yahweh's word in our hearts so we do not sin against Him (Ps. 119:11). What are some of HaSatan's lies he tells today? How did Yeshua defend against HaSatan's temptations in the wilderness? How do you defend against them? What are some examples of other lies told by others in scripture? How are we influenced by things we see and hear today?

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Below are some scripture references associated with this study guide. Be diligent to study these verses and test everything! We challenge you to also seek out other related scripture on your own.

It is the glory of Yahweh to
conceal a matter and the glory
of kings to search it out.
- Proverbs 25:2

Rev. 12:9

