

Genesis 3:1-12

We are starting Chapter 3 again to understand fully the role of the serpent. There is a lot we need to know about this.

- 1 ¶ **Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?** *This serpent was part of God's creation. It could speak and reason with man. No other creature could talk. This serpent in its original form is not the snake of today. The serpent asked Eve, "Eve, you mean to tell me that God said you can't eat of any the trees of the garden?" He changed what God said. God said they could eat of all trees except two. The serpent wanted to put doubt in Eve's mind. He was going to go over what God said, and twist it a bit. The serpent put in Eve's mind what great fun it would be if they went against God's rules. This serpent is not Satan. It is an animal created by God for man. It is subtle, crafty and intelligent. This pattern is still used to hurt us today. "Serpent" means to "hiss", "to whisper a magic spell". This may be the only creature that was able to communicate with man. God let Satan, in his fallen state at that time, to take over this serpent creature. It was able to walk upright. We know it could take to man. It was very intelligent and crafty. In the occult, there is an area where deacons do have control of animals. We saw that with the demons in the pigs. It is still going on today.*
- 2 **And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:**
- 3 **But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.** *Eve twisted God's word around and added something to it in her answer to the serpent. No where did God say they couldn't touch the tree and she changes the last part to 'maybe' they'll die. God said they would 'definitely' die. Even today we twist God's word. This is human nature. We think God is denying us something that we deserve, and we take it and get hurt and die. Drugs, sex, adultery, gluttony, slothfulness, greed, pride, envy, vanity, etc. Take your pick. The serpent was being demonically controlled. It was the most beautiful creature in the garden and it could converse with man. Demons took it over to bring man down. Adam and Eve lost the beautiful intimate relationship with God when they disobeyed God and ate the fruit. Why did the serpent tempt Eve and not Adam? Women are the weaker of the two that God created, and this was done on purpose. Women are more trusting and innocent than men. Women are more truthful, honest, sensitive, and open. Woman is more easily influenced than man. These are not bad traits; they are complimentary to man's traits.*
- 4 **And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:** *Demons and Satan take God's word and twists it to the opposite of what God originally stated. The original creation of the serpent was not a snake like today. It was a beautiful creature. Satan's whole purpose since mankind was created is to take God's creation and mess it up because God is punishing Satan for his extreme vanity. This verse is an outright lie. God said we would die if we ate the fruit.*
- 5 **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.** *Evil people who lead good people astray tell their lies with a bit of truth mixed in to get good people to follow them. This happens today. Adam and Eve didn't know there were evil spirit beings around them. It wouldn't have affected them at all if they hadn't of eaten from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The temptation was that they would know what God knows. Eve was made to feel like she wasn't as good as God, not as smart as God, and goaded her subtly into sinning against God and spiritually dying. Evil, Satan, are so mad at losing their kingdom and status and having all that given to men that they do anything they can to kill us. They have extreme hatred for mankind.*
- 6 ¶ **And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.** *Eve went back to check out the forbidden tree. It looked good, it had food, and it would make one smart. So she ate, and she shared with her husband. Eve knew it was wrong to eat, and so did Adam. They knew this was wrong, and they did it, and they didn't repent. The reason we know they knew it was wrong is because they go and hide in verse 8. God knew they were going to eat of the forbidden tree. God permits your free will to be exercised. Man is responsible for his own behaviour, for the decisions he makes, and for the repercussions from those actions and decisions.*
- 7 **And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.** *Evidently before this event, there was some kind of atmosphere around them that they didn't know they were naked. We don't know if it was glow or whatever, but evidently it was taken away. They realize they are naked and take some fig leaves to sew together and make a cover. It's interesting they mention a fig leaf. Why a fig leaf and not a banana leaf? Banana leaves are very big. Man takes the fig leaf and tries to cover his sins. Israel brought forth the*

messiah to pay for mans sins and fig trees are very important in Israel. The fig leaf cover is the works of man's hands. Doing good works, giving to the poor, praying everyday; these are the fig leaf cover. That's the correlation we see. Man is still trying to cover his sins today with his own hands. It's a false way of trying to cover your sins and it won't work.

- 8** *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. Adam and Eve hid from God: they knew they sinned and they were caught.*
- 9 ¶** *And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? God knew where they were hiding. But He wanted them to come out on their own.*
- 10** *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. Adam admits he and Eve sinned.*
- 11 ¶** *And he said, Who told thee that thou were naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou should not eat? God asked "Did you eat of this tree after I told you not to? Who told you to eat of the forbidden tree?"*
- 12** *And the man said, The woman whom thou gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. As happens today, the blame is shifted off the self.*