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1. The *disguise of Satan* - “Now the _____ was more _____ than any beast of the field which the LORD God _____.” (3:1a)

- Is this a true historical account or simply an allegory, legend or fable? How do we know?
- How is the serpent described?
- Who is disguised as the serpent? How do we know?
- What do we know about the origin of angels and Satan’s fall?
 - 1) All the angels were _____ by _____. (Col.1:16)
 - 2) All the angels were _____ when God formed the foundations of the _____.(Job 38:4-7)
 - 3) Satan’s sin was _____ due to his own _____ and self _____. (Is. 14:12-15; 1 Tim.3:6)
 - 4) _____ of the myriad of angels followed Satan in his rebellion (demons). (Rev.12:4)
- Has Satan mode of operation changed over the years?

2. The *doubt of Satan’s question* – “And he said to the woman, "Has _____, `You shall not eat of _____ tree of the garden'?" (3:2b)

- What does Satan focus on regarding God’s prohibition?
- What can you learn from this?

3. The *dialogue between Satan & Eve* – “And the woman _____ to the serpent...” (3:2a)

- Did Eve know she was being tempted?
- What is especially attacked in the spiritual battle you are in?

4. The *discrepancy of Eve’s reply* – "We may eat 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 has said, `You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" (3:2b-3)

Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- What are the discrepancies between God’s command and Eve’s reply?

5. **The denial by Satan of God's truthfulness** – “Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will _____.” (3:4)

- What does Satan accuse God of in this?
- Why should we not be surprised at Satan’s half-truth which is a whole lie?
- How is this lie perpetuated today?

6. **The distrust of God's motive and the lie of no negative consequences** - "For God _____ that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be _____, and you will be _____, knowing _____ and _____." (3:5)

- What is considered the ultimate “lie” to this day?
- How should this temptation and lie been responded to?

7. **The dynamics of temptation** - “So when the woman _____ that the tree was good for food, that it was _____ to the eyes, and a tree _____ to make one _____ ...” (3:6a)

- 1 John 2:15-17
- What two issues did Eve have in this temptation?
 - a) Eve focused on the _____ and what it could _____ for _____.
 - b) Eve focused on _____.
- Where was Adam during Eve’s temptation?

8. **The disobedience of sin by Eve** – “she took of its fruit and _____.” (3:6b)

- What is sin?

9. **The deliberate sin of Adam** - “She also gave to her husband with her, and he _____.” (3:6c)

- How was Eve’s choice to sin different than Adam’s? (1 Timothy 2:14)
- Why is Adam held responsible for original sin and not Eve? (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22)
- In committing sin, what had Adam done with regards to God’s word vs. his wife’s word? (3:17)
- How much time lapsed between the creation of man and the fall?

10. **The disastrous effects of sin.** (2:7)

Closing lesson: You must be prepared to deal with regular temptations to believe Satan’s _____ instead of God’s _____, and resist the temptation to distrust the _____ of God.

