

THINGS STILL THE SAME
GENESIS 3:1-15

Introduction

We live in a world of change. Many things are in a constant change

1. Medical Technology has changed greatly over the years and continues to change.
2. Computers have changed greatly from the time I was in school when I remember they were the size of a room or building to now when you can set them in your lap and even hold them in your hand!
3. The way men travel into space has changed tremendously since I was in the 4th grade with dreams of becoming an astronaut. (Gemini...Apollo...Space Shuttles...who knows what's next?)
4. The way we fight wars has changed and continues to change: Swords and spears in Bible times...Muskets and cannons in the Revolutionary War...rifles and airplanes by World War I...the Atomic bombs developed in World War II...today we have cruise missiles and drones.)

Yes, technology changes at a head spinning pace!

But listen, despite the many changes that we see in the world, there are some things that are still the same!

1. There is still no cure for the common cold.
2. Man cannot create life. (He can clone it and change it but not create.)
3. Man cannot prevent death. (Man can prolong life, but still cannot prevent death!)
4. Man cannot eradicate evil!

I want you to see from Scripture today **some things that are still the same as they were when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden!**

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I. SATAN IS STILL THE SAME!

A. Satan Is Still A Subtle Creature. (vs 1)

The Bible calls Satan "*subtle*"— which means *cunning, crafty*. His main work is to **DECEIVE**.

1. Satan Did Not Reveal His Person To Eve!

Satan did not come to Eve revealing his true identity, but was deceitfully clothed in beauty.

Satan still does this today!

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 reveals that Satan transforms himself into an angel of light!

2 Corinthians 11:13-15—“*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*”

2. Satan Did Not Reveal His Purpose To Eve!

His purpose was to undermine God, but he let on like his purpose was to help Eve. (exp. Kind of like the government!)

Satan still does this today!

2 Corinthians 11:3—“*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*”

3. Satan Did Not Reveal His Plan To Eve!

His plan was to use deceit to get man to fall.

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Paul warned the Corinthian Christians in their day:
*2 Corinthians 2:11—“Lest Satan should get an
advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his
devices.”*

*1 Peter 5:8—“Be sober, be vigilant; because your
adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:”*

Satan Is Still A Subtle Creature!

**B. Satan Is Still A Liar And Casts Doubt On God's Word!
(Vs 1, 4-5)**

- 1. He Cast Doubt On God's Word. (Vs 1)**
*“Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of
the garden?”*
- 2. He Outright Denies The Truthfulness Of God's
Word! (Vs 4)**
“Ye shall not surely die.”
- 3. He Accuses God Of Holding Out On Adam And
Eve! (Vs 5)**
“For God doth know...”
- 4. Satan Does The Very Same Thing In Our Day!**
 - a. *“We're all God's children.”*
 - b. *“God won't judge sin.”*
 - c. *“You can't get victory over that sin.”*
 - d. *“Which Bible is right?”*

*2 Corinthians 4:3-4—“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to
them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath
blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of
the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should
shine unto them.”*

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**C. Satan Is Still Emphasizing The Sensual To Entice Men To
Sin Against God. (Vs 5-6)**

**Satan Likes To Advertise Sin's Good Points—“Look what
you are missing!”**

- 1. Satan Appeals To The Lust Of Our Flesh!**
“God gave you the desires—satisfy them!”

Eve saw that *“the tree was good for food.”*

Satan wants you to focus on **pleasure and
self-satisfaction** rather than **God's Word!**

Understand that even God's Word in Hebrews 11:25
acknowledges that there is pleasure in sin, but goes on
to say that is only for a season.

- 2. Satan Appeals To The Lust Of Our Eyes!**
He doesn't want us to think, he wants us to be
impulsive!

Eve saw that *“the tree was pleasant to the eyes.”*

Advertisers, to this day, still use eye appeal to sell a
product! They want you to see it and desire it!

- 3. Satan Appeals To Our Pride Of Life!**
“To be a success you must do this.”

Eve saw that *“the tree was to be desired to make one
wise.”*

Where did she get an idea like that?! **(Vs. 5)**

*James 1:14—“But every man is tempted, when he is
drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”*

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James 1:15—“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

1 John 2:15-16—“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

SATAN IS STILL THE SAME!

II. MANKIND IS STILL THE SAME!

A. Man Is Still Falling For The Lies Of The Devil!

1. "There is no Hell!"

In Mark 9:42-48, Jesus said three times that there was a hell and said that it was *“a fire that never shall be quenched!”*

In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus told a story about a rich man who died and the Bible says, *“in hell he lifted up his eyes being in torments.”*

One of Satan’s lies is that Jesus’ story there was just a parable! But it’s not!

2. "All roads lead to Heaven! Just as long as you’re sincere!"

Proverbs 16:25—“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

3. “You can get by with sin! Nobody will know!”

Numbers 32:23—“...be sure your sin will find you out.”

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Man Is Still Falling For The Lies Of The Devil...

B. Man Is Still Clothing Himself In Self-Righteousness! (vs 7)

We see here the first man-made religion. The religion of the fig leaf apron!

Religion is any attempt to cover and hide our guilt!

Religion is any attempt to clothe ourselves apart from the righteousness of Christ!

Adam and Eve used fig leaves. Men today try it with other things such as **education, Church membership, baptism, tithing, confirmation, good works, whatever to cover sin!**

1. Religion Conceals Instead Of Confesses!

2. Religion Doesn't Attack The Inward Problem, But Only Deals With The Outward!

3. Religion Doesn't Alleviate The Guilt Or The Condition!

4. Religion Attempts To Hide The Condition In Vain!

C. Man Is Still Hiding From God. (vs 8)

Behind a multitude of excuses.

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III. GOD IS STILL THE SAME!

Malachi 3:6—“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

James 1:17—“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

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Hebrews 13:8—“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

A. God Is Still Seeking The Sinner. (vs 8-9)

Romans 3:10-11—“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”

Luke 19:10—“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Romans 5:8—“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

2 Peter 3:9—“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

B. God Is Still Seeking Confession And Repentance.(vs 9-13)

Proverbs 28:13—“He that covereth His sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”

Romans 10:9-10—“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

C. God Is Still Providing A Covering For Man's Sin. (vs 21)

2 Corinthians 5:21—“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

1 John 1:7—“...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

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Hebrews 7:25—“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them”

Conclusion

Satan Is Still The Same.

1. Still A Subtle Creature. (Are you letting his subtlety deceive you?)
2. Still A Liar And Casts Doubt On God's Word. (Has he got you to doubt the Word of God? Are you believing his lies?)
3. Still Emphasizing The Sensual To Entice Men To Sin Against God. (Don't be ignorant of his devices and his wiles—He's still using the some of the same old tactics that he got Eve with!)

Mankind Is Still The Same.

1. Still Falling For The Lies Of The Devil. (Are you?)
2. Still Clothing Himself In Self-Righteousness. (Are you?)
3. Still Hiding From God. (Are you?)

God Is Still The Same.

1. Still Seeking The Sinner. (Thank God He's still seeking sinners!)
2. Still Seeking Confession And Repentance. God knows where you're at and what you've done! But He wants YOU to acknowledge it!
3. Still Providing A Covering For Man's Sin. (Jesus Christ is that one and only covering for man's sin! Is your sin covered?)