

THE DEVIL'S DEVICES

GENESIS 3:1-5

“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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.’”

Genesis 2:15-17

Satan: “Has God
indeed said...?”

“Has God really
said...?”

God said

“Of every tree of the
garden you may freely eat;
but of the tree of the
knowledge of good and
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the day that you eat of it
you shall surely die.”

- Questioning God
- Instill doubt about what He has spoken
- Condescending
- Eve could just be naive?

Satan: “Has God indeed said,
‘You shall not eat of every
tree of the garden?’”

“Has God really said, ‘You
shall not eat from any tree of
the garden?’”

- Emphasizing the negative
- Assault upon the goodness of God
- “God has made it hard for you!”

God said

“Of every tree of the
garden you may freely eat;
but of the tree of the
knowledge of good and
evil you shall not eat, for in
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you shall surely die.”

“And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 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.”’”

God said

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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.”

“And the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’”

God said

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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.”

- Blatant lie
- One word
- In other words, God has lied to you
- “The consequences are not what God said”

“And the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”

God said

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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.”

- Suggests God has ulterior motives & has not revealed the truth
- Suggests God is withholding the truth from you
- You can be your own God

“When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.”

God said

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- Right thinking had been broken down through questioning of God and His command, skepticism of His goodness
- Now led away by her desires: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life

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- But what God commanded me to do is GOOD!
- I don't want what He did not give me the right to do!
- I don't want the consequence of disobedience!
- The consequence of disobedience tells me of the wickedness of disobedience!

- You can be deceived
- You don't have to be deceived
 - God has spoken. Know and understand what God has said
 - Believe and trust what God has said
 - Total trust
 - Luke 5:5
 - Acts 27:25
 - Do what God has said
- Satan and his workers want you to question God, doubt God, doubt the truth and narrowness of His word, be skeptical, be accepting of other views
- Meet every temptation with what is written
 - Luke 4:4
 - Not enough to know intellectually, but in living
 - “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”