

Genesis 3:1-6c – The Serpent Deceives the Woman

<p>¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, `You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"</p> <p>² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;</p> <p>³ "but of the fruit of the tree which <i>is</i> in the midst of the garden, God has said, `You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"</p> <p>⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.</p> <p>⁵ "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."</p> <p>⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make <i>one</i> wise, she took of its fruit and ate. [The remaining part of verse 6 and all of verse 7 will be covered next week.] She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.</p> <p>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.</p>	<p>The devil using the serpent? (Form – upright?) The devil approached the woman, not the man. (woman's influence cannot be overstated) The devil does not use the direct approach to tempt us. The devil deceives the woman through a process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioning God's command (1) • Questioning God's truthfulness (4) • Questioning God's goodness (5) <p>The woman reasons herself (6a-c):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for food – lust of the flesh • Pleasant to the eyes – lust of the eyes • Desirable to make one wise – pride of life <p>She took of its fruit and ate (6d):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [type of fruit unknown] – might have been good food, but chosen by God as their testing tree • Acted independently • Acted opposite of what she was told (by her own words) • [It appears that the woman – Eve – was never told directly by God about the tree. That was Adam's job. Adam may have added "nor shall you touch it" as his added safeguard.]
<p>1 Tim 2:14 – And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.</p>	<p>"the woman was FULLY deceived" (stronger form that used for Adam)</p>
<p>2 Cor 11:3 – But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</p>	<p>Possible to be deceived now.</p>
<p>James 1:13-15 ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.</p>	<p>Process of temptation. Focusing and feeding our own desires on something we shouldn't have until we give in.</p>
<p>1 John 2:15-17 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that <i>is</i> in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.</p>	<p>We are tempted with the same 3 areas that Eve was tempted in.</p>
<p>Luke 4:1-13 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. ³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Lust of Flesh ⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, `Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for <i>this</i> has been delivered to me,</p>	<p>Jesus was tempted with the same 3 areas that Eve was tempted in.</p> <p>Unlike the woman (Eve) and Adam, Jesus (God's Son) obeyed what God the Father had commanded.</p>

and I give it to whomever I wish. **Lust of Eyes**

⁷ "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, `You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve."

⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

¹⁰ "For it is written: `He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,'

¹¹ "and, `In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone." **Pride of Life** (*miraculous arrival and worship that would have resulted*)

¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, `You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

1. The serpent approaches the woman (1)

- He does not the man (who is responsible)
- He does not approach forcibly, but with false "logic"

2. The woman responds (2-3)

- She knew of God's command (from Adam?)
- She stated it and even stated a harsher requirement (from Adam also?)
- She does not go to Adam for his help, leadership, protection, or guidance (even though this was an "Adam" area of responsibility)

3. The serpent tempts the woman by questioning God's

- Fairness (1) – restrictions (pointing out, through a question, the one tree they could not eat of)
- Truthfulness (4) – you shall not die
- Goodness (5) – God is keeping something back from you

4. The woman is deceived, embracing all 3 avenues of temptation:

- She was deceived by all 3 avenues of temptation:
 - Lust of the flesh – "good for food" – tastes good or feels good
 - Lust of the eyes – "pleasant to the eyes" – looks good
 - Pride of life – "desired to make one wise" – makes us feel important
- These were the **same avenues** that the devil used to tempt Jesus (Luke 4:1-13) – *I would probably just not bring this up for any class but the adult class, because of time.*
- These are the **same avenues** that the devil uses to tempt us today (1 John 2:15-17)
- The process of temptation – we focus on something we desire and keep feeding that desire until we give in. (James 1:13-15)

5. KEY LESSONS (tell the story quickly and then focus on these):

- Recognize the 3 ways the devil tempts us
- We are to OBEY what God clearly tells us
- We are to STAY UNDER the authorities God places us under (husbands, parents, pastors, leaders)
- We are to FLEE temptation, not play with it or listen to what we know is wrong.

Memory Verse: I think 1 John 2:16 covers this better than any other, even though it's not from Genesis.

Other: Fruit – No one knows what fruit it was.