

ORIGINAL LIE

GENESIS 3:1-7 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?’” [A] 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* [B], lest you die.” Then the serpent said to the woman, “*You shall not surely die.* [C] 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.” [D] So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, [E] that it was pleasant to the eyes, [F] and a tree desirable to make one wise, [G] she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. [H] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; [I] and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

[A] The beginning of deception: Do you really know what God said?

[B] This is what God told Adam (Eve had not been created yet.):
Genesis 2:12-17 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.” Did Adam add this bonus information or did Eve remember it incorrectly?

[C] The first lie. The serpent (Satan/Lucifer) directly contradicts what God had told Adam.

- What was Adam’s condition, as created? Genesis 1:26-27
- Does death in this context refer to physical or spiritual death, or both?
- Are we susceptible to similar contradictions of God’s word?

[D] It’s tempting to be *like God*, isn’t it?

[E] Weren’t there a few other produce choices?

[F] Can you judge a book by its cover?

[G] Eve apparently had an innate desire for wisdom and knowledge.

[H] Was Adam “tricked” into eating the fruit or was he a willing participant?

[I] Why was this the first thing that concerned them?

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

Why was Lucifer in the form of the serpent allowed in the garden in the first place?

When had he disobeyed God and how? Isaiah 14:12

Is disobedience of God and pride essentially the same thing?

Why did God wait until after Adam and Eve had sinned to ban them from eating of the tree of life?
What/who is the tree of life?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Are there areas in our life or things that we see in society which are good looking temptations, but are clearly contrary to God’s word?

How tempting are “painful” things? When should we be most aware of deception?