

## **SATAN'S METHODS, STILL THE SAME**

### **Genesis 3:1-19**

**Introduction:** Just about everybody is familiar with the episode in the Garden of Eden with Adam, Eve, and Satan, the old serpent. We tend to look back and ridicule, Adam and Eve and talk of their weakness and how they should have done this or not done that. We seem to think that if it had been us, things would have been different. NOT SO MY FRIEND! Satan's methods have not changed from that time in the Garden to this very day, nor have people changed. You and I are just like Adam and Eve! Face it! Did they sin? Yes! Have you sinned? Yes! Do you still sin? Yes! Was Satan behind their sinning? Yes! Is Satan behind our sinning today? Yes! So, you see, Satan is still the same and we are just like the first couple. We sin. Just what methods did Satan use then that he still uses today?

### **I. SATAN GOT EVE'S ATTENTION**

1. Eve had gotten separated from her husband, Adam and was alone in the garden.
  - Eve heard a "voice" and looking for it, she saw a radiant, beautiful, shimmering serpent.
2. Eve stopped to hear what the beautiful serpent (Satan) had to say.
  - What she heard should have cause her to walk away for she heard words that contradicted and questioned what she knew about God.
3. Anytime anyone stops to listen to what Satan has to say, there will be questions raised about God.
  - It is deadly for people to listen to evil for it will always create doubt about what God has said.
  - Eve was told that God didn't want her and her husband Adam to be as smart as He (God) was, so therefore to stay away from that certain tree.
  - Eve's mind began to question what God had told her and Adam.

### **II. SATAN GOT EVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE FORBIDDEN TREE**

1. Eve walked over to the tree God had them to leave alone and took a good look at it.
  - It was a very beautiful tree and had some very delectable looking fruit on it and she wondered why she had not noticed the tree before.
2. After looking the tree over real good, she began to wonder what she and Adam had been missing.
  - Why didn't God want them to have fruit from that tree, they could have fruit from every other tree, so why not this one?

### **III. SATAN GOT EVE TO BEGAN TO WANT WHAT GOD TOLD THEM TO LEAVE ALONE**

1. For the first time in her life, Eve wanted something that she was told to leave alone.
  - She had listened to the voice of Satan.
  - She had walked over to the tree God had told them to leave alone, and looked at it.
  - And now, she wanted to taste the fruit from that forbidden tree.

2. How badly did Eve want the fruit from the forbidden tree?
  - Did she want it bad enough to disobey God to get it?
3. Any disobedience is defiance of God, it is rebellion.
4. Eve had listened to the voice of Satan, she had looked at what Satan told her to look at, and now she wanted what God told her she could not have.
  - Does any of this sound familiar?

#### **IV. SHE DID IT! EVE ATE A PIECE OF THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT**

1. Eve defied God! What happened then?
2. Unknown to her right then, she lost her soul, for it was no longer perfect and was now barred from all that was perfect, the Garden of Eden and Heaven.
  - Her soul had become dirty before God, totally unacceptable in His Holy place.
  - She was going to need God's mercy before her soul could ever have life again.
3. Eve lost her pleasure in God.
  - Before this dreadful hour in the Garden, she and Adam had enjoyed God's company every day, but now all is gone.
  - Nothing takes away one's pleasure with God as sin does.
4. Eve and Adam were removed from the Garden of Eden and the "gates" were shut behind them.
  - They were in a different world now, cold, indifferent, hard with the beautiful Garden, only a memory.
5. Eve lost all her happiness.
  - God killed animals to provide clothing for her and Adam.
  - Later her first born son was killed by his brother..
  - Because of Eve's sin in the Garden, untold millions of mothers through the centuries have also cried over the loss of killed sons.
  - If Eve had only not listened, if Eve had only not looked, if Eve had only not wanted, if Eve had only not eaten of the fruit in the Garden that day. If, If, If. But she did!

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Eve opened the door for sin to enter the human race and every human being since, except the Lord Jesus Christ, has been poisoned and ruined by it.
2. Satan was loose in the world then, he is still loose in the world today doing the same thing, the same way and if not for God stepping in, there still would be no hope for mankind.
3. God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for sinful, separated from God, man, to be forgiven and restored to the same fellowship with God that Adam and Eve had in the beginning.