

Bible Study – June 15, 2016

THE DEVIL IS A LIAR – Pt. 1

SCRIPTURE:

John 8:44

“...for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Ephesians 6:12

“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

1 Peter 5:8 says “be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Devil - slanderous, accusing falsely

Let’s look at **Genesis chapter 3:1-7** at Eve’s encounter with the Serpent in the Garden:

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

1. He deceives us by sowing seeds of Doubt.

The first thing the Serpent does is cause Eve to Doubt and question what God told her. “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

2. He deceives us by stirring up Division

He immediately went to work at undermining God's authority. But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

3. He deceives us by giving us Distractions

⁶So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

The devil wants to distract us from God's purpose and plan for our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

The lies, deception, divisions and distractions are all intended to prevent us from walking in the plan and purpose of God.

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