

Filters - Week 1

Deception of Temptation

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely 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." 6 So 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. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. -Genesis 3:1-8

3 Ways Temptation Deceives Us:

1. Distorts God's Word
 - a. Question God's Word
 - b. Eve added to God's command (neither shall you touch it <v.3>)
 - c. Eve subtracted from the penalty of God's command (lest you die <v.3>)
2. Denies God's Word
 - a. Question God's Character
 - b. Forget the goodness of God and badness of sin
 - c. God's Word as a viewpoint rather than truth
3. Defies God's Word
 - a. 1 John 2:16 - *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life - is not from the Father but is from the world*
 - b. Desires of the flesh (saw that the tree was good for food)
 - c. Desires of the eyes (delight to the eyes)
 - d. Pride of life (to make one wise)