

SERMON: GENESIS – FALL (Genesis 3)

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God's good creation was quickly corrupted by a bad decision. If Genesis 1 describes the best of times, Genesis 3 ushers in the worst of times and sets up a tension for the rest of the book, for the rest of the Bible, and for all of history. We live in this tension, however, with hope, for God has promised to swallow up the worst of times in His Son.

Sometimes you just can't _____ yourself.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it – Genesis 3:6

The _____ of the enemy:

1. Misrepresents God's _____.
Genesis 3:1
2. Misrepresents God's _____.
Genesis 3:5
3. Plays on our _____.
Genesis 3:3

We _____ when faced with these temptations.

_____ did not _____ when tempted.

Matt 4:6, Psalm 91:11, Matthew 4:8-9, Matthew 4:2-3

God's Promise: **We will not _____, because Christ did not _____!**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. – Colossians 1:13-14 (see also Genesis 3:15)

Mark of Christian maturity is not how much you _____
but how quickly you get _____. The Bible calls this _____.



Questions for individual or group reflection:

When have you physically fallen down?

Was it painful? Embarrassing?

Have you spiritually or morally fallen down?

What emotions went with that?

Have you experienced Satan's deceptions and tricks as described in the sermon?

How did Jesus deal with each of Satan's temptations? (See Matthew 4)

How are the promises of God in Genesis 3:15 and Colossians 1:13-14 related?

How do you compare Christianity with other world religions when it comes to the topic of sin & failure?

Is it then safe to consider those religions a deception of the enemy?

Why is it a mark of maturity for the believer to get back up after a fall?

How is God causing you to respond to this message?

Taking it home / Memory Verse:

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. – Colossians 1:13-14

GENESIS

FALL

PLEASE
OPEN SLOWLY

NO OUTSIDE FOOD
OR DRINKS

STAFF
ONLY

WEEKLY
PHOTO
CONTEST!

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Sometimes you just can't CATCH yourself

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GENESIS 3:6



GENESIS 1 - 2



GENESIS 3







GENESIS 3

The **DECEPTIONS** of the enemy:



The **DECEPTIONS** of the enemy:

1. Misrepresents God's **WORD.**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

GENESIS 3:1

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴ “You will not **certainly** die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

GENESIS 3:2-5

¹⁶ “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will **certainly** die.”

GENESIS 2:16-17

The **DECEPTIONS** of the enemy:

1. Misrepresents God's **WORD.**
2. Misrepresents God's **CHARACTER.**

“God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

GENESIS 3:5

³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

GENESIS 3:3

The **DECEPTIONS** of the enemy:

1. Misrepresents God's **WORD.**
2. Misrepresents God's **CHARACTER.**
3. Plays on our **DESIRES.**



We **FAIL** when faced with these
temptations.

HOW SATAN WORKS

He misrepresents God's Word.

“If You are the Son of God,” he said, “throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

MATTHEW 4:6

For He will command His angels concerning
you to guard you in all your ways.

PSALM 91:11

HOW SATAN WORKS

He misrepresents God's Word.

He misrepresents God's character.

⁸ The devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give You,” he said, “if You will bow down and worship me.”

MATTHEW 4:8-9

HOW SATAN WORKS

He misrepresents God's Word.

He misrepresents God's character.

He plays on our desires.

² After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³ The tempter came to Him and said, “If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

MATTHEW 4:2-3

JESUS did not FAIL when tempted.

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.”

GENESIS 3:15

¹³ He [Jesus] has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

God's Promise:

We will not FALL because
Christ did not FAIL.

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how much your FALL,

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The Bible call this **REPENTANCE.**

GENESIS

FALL