

Lured

Week #1 - The Evil One 101 (Genesis 3)

Summary: *Understand the Devil is pure evil. He hates you. He wants to steal from you, kill your blessings, and destroy your soul. Only when you understand the seething hatred he has for God and God's family will you be vigilant enough to keep your eyes open for his bait.*

Satan lures us with lies.

- Genesis 3:1-5 - *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'?"* 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."*
- John 8:44 - *44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires...there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

The Evil One's lures appear delightful but hide the death.

- Genesis 3:6 - *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 3:17,19 - *"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life...until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

The Devil lures us with a purpose.

- John 8:44 - *You belong to your father, the devil...He was a murderer from the beginning*
- Galatians 3:10 - *"Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."*
- Matthew 25:41 - *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'*

Truth #1

The Evil One's mission is to rob you of life
and leave you eternally cursed.

- Genesis 3:15 - *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.*
- John 10:10,11 - *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*
- Galatians 3:13 - *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."*

Truth #2

Jesus reversed the curse so that **EVIL** was overcome and we might **LIVE**.

Points To Ponder

1. Discuss how the Devil uses the following tactics (Lures) on people (and you personally) to get them to bite the hook and fall into sin:
 - a. Minimizing sin - (It's not really that big of deal...)
 - b. Rationalizing sin - (I know it's wrong but...)
 - c. Justifying sin - (No one is getting hurt so...)
2. Consider and list the 3 big lies the Evil uses as bait to cause you to fall. Once you list them, consider sharing with a friend or your group and how they have got the best of you (Ex: For Judas it was greed...the lure of money. For Peter it was pride and also the need for Jesus approval). Keep them in mind over the rest of the series, revisit them and see how with God's help you can both identify and resist them.
 - a. Lie #1 -
 - b. Lie #2 -
 - c. Lie #3 -
3. The Devil would love to destroy you and then overwhelm you with guilt for all the times you have taken the bait. How does the following verse from 1 John 3 "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work" help us in those moments when we feel overcome and hopeless?

Homework: Joshua 6:15-21 & Joshua 7