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GENESIS 3:1-13

Schemes of the Devil

*Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.* EPHESIANS 6:11

I. The schemes of the devil follow a pattern as old as time.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. v. 3a

› Begins in _____
He said to the woman ... v. 3b

› Entertains _____
... "Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?" v. 3c

› Doubts God's _____
"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." v. 5

› Rationalizes _____
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 ... v. 6a

› Looks for _____
... and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. v. 6b

› Shifts _____
*The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."
Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."* vv. 12-13

› Causes _____
Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 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. vv. 7-8

II. The God of all ages has a pattern of pursuing us time and time again.

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" v. 9

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

“... and you will be like God ...”

GENESIS 3:5

“If you want to understand your own behavior, you must understand that all sin against God is grounded in a refusal to believe that God is more dedicated to our good, and more aware of what that is, than we are. We distrust God because we assume he is not truly for us, that if we give him complete control we will be miserable. Adam and Eve did not say, ‘Let’s be evil. Let’s ruin our own lives and everyone else’s too!’ Rather they thought, ‘We just want to be happy. But his commands don’t look like they’ll give us the things we need to thrive. We’ll have to take things into our own hands—we can’t trust him.’”

TIM KELLER

“Some of us have watched dearly loved family members on their deathbeds cling to their defiance rather than be saved. Something inside us all would rather die than bow. ... Our pride is what’s wrong with the whole world. Refusing to humble ourselves before God is the essence of sin. It spawns all the misguided, destructive attempts at self-salvation that make life so rotten. ... If humility is the spirit of Christ, then our pride is the spirit of anti-Christ.”

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Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Genesis 3:1-13. How did Satan tempt Eve? What things did he misrepresent?
2. How did Eve misstate God’s words? Why is this detail important?
3. How do you see people attempting to add or subtract from God’s Word today? What are the results?
4. Why is it true that man does not become sinful by sinning?
5. From the list on the sermon notes, what schemes of Satan do you tend to notice in your own life?
6. Take some time to read and pray through Ephesians 6:10-20, noting the different aspects of the armor of God and their use. How will you employ them daily, starting right now?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

SATAN’S TEMPTATIONS OF EVE AND JESUS

TEMPTATION	GENESIS 3	MATTHEW 4
Appeal to physical appetite	You may eat of any tree (3:1)	You may eat by changing stones to bread (4:3)
Appeal to personal gain	You will not die (3:4)	You will not hurt Your foot (4:6)
Appeal to power or glory	You will be like God (3:5)	You will have all the world’s kingdoms (4:8-9)

“Satan’s Temptations of Eve and Jesus” chart from *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Gospels* ©1984, 2018 John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck

BENEFITS OF JESUS’ TRIUMPH OVER SIN <i>Negating the schemes of the devil</i>	In Christ we share in authentic community. (1 Jn 1:7)
	In Christ we find all we need. (1 Tim 6:6-7)
	In Christ we are assured of God’s care for us. (1 Pet 5:6-7)
	In Christ we are blessed by keeping His commands. (1 Pet 1:22)
	In Christ we urge one another to grow in love. (Heb 10:24)
	In Christ we are declared blameless. (Eph 1:4)
	In Christ we enjoy relational oneness through His Spirit. (Col 3:14)

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
 “Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

BE A PART OF AN AUTHENTIC PASSOVER EXPERIENCE, and join us, along with David Teitelbaum, D.O., as he leads us through Seder, the ceremonial beginning to Passover. We hope to see you there! We’ll gather in The Oak Room on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., and if you would like to learn more, please visit www.ccbcfamily.org/easter.

TENEBRAE which means “the darkening,” is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus’ life and death through music and communion. Join us on Friday, March 29, at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that we recommend children ages ten and under not attend due to the dramatic nature of the service. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/easter.

JESUS IS ALIVE, and we’re excited to celebrate this truth with you during Easter weekend! We’ll be having worship services, both traditional and contemporary, on Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31, across all three of our locations. If you’ll be gathering to celebrate with us, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/easter and let us know by setting up a Reservation Reminder!

LET’S ASK THIS EASTER! Our prayer is for more people in our cities and the world to come and see that Jesus is alive and He is everything He promises! So, let’s ask! Invite someone to join the Easter celebration this year and watch what God does. One invite to Easter could be someone’s start to know Jesus as Savior. If you invite someone and they have questions, let them know they can find out all the details about our celebration at www.ccbcfamily.org/easter.

KIDSCAMP REGISTRATION IS LIVE TODAY!

The gospel is for everyone — and that’s why KidsCamp exists! We’re on a mission to tell every boy and girl that God’s invitation of forgiveness and love is for them! From the joy-filled games with friends to the discovery of God’s Words in the Bible, one week of KidsCamp could begin another chapter of deeper faith. Register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/kidscamp.

MUSICAMP Rock n’ roll into MusiCamp this summer and mark your calendars for Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12! From catchy songs to choreography, your children will have a week full of dancing, singing and discovering the fun of making music. By the end of the week, they’ll even put on an entire musical! From the professional musicians and exceptional volunteers to the children in Grades 1-6, everyone will be tapping their feet to the beat. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/musicamp.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.