

It's Worth Quoting:

The Bible presents us with a definite, concrete, comprehensive worldview that is absolutely different from anything you can find anywhere else. The great marks of it's message are these: it starts with God; it tells us that he has created everything; it tells us that man is not merely an evolving animal but a special creation of God; it tells us how Satan and evil came in, how man fell, how man is utterly helpless and under the judgment of God. But it tells us also how God in his infinite love and mercy and compassion has intervened and has provided a great and grand way of salvation, which is preached and offered to the human race. - Martin Lloyd-Jones, *The Gospel in Genesis*

Sin in its own nature endeavors to render God the most miserable being. It is nothing but an opposition to the will of God; the will of no creature is so much contradicted as the will of God is by devils and men; and there is nothing under the heavens that the affections of human nature stand more point blank against, than against God. - Stephen Charnock, "On Practical Atheism" in *The Existence and Attributes of God*

Assignment:

1. Read Revelation 12:7-12. What can you learn about Satan from this passage?
2. Read Matthew 3:17 - 4:11. What does the devil want Jesus to stop believing? How is the devil's temptation of Jesus similar to the temptation of Adam and Eve?
3. Read James 1:12-15. What are the steps of temptation? Can you think of examples where this passage is clearly seen today? Think about the sin of lust. Think about the sin of gossip? Think about the sin of un-forgiveness. How does Satan tempt in these situations and how do these sins lead to death?
4. Why can we say that all our struggles and problems can be understood by going back to the first three chapters of the Bible?
5. When you read Genesis 3:1-5, what do you think Satan wants you to believe about God's word? What do you think Satan wants you to believe about yourself? What do you think Satan wants you to believe about God?

“Did God Say?”
The Attack On God’s Word

The First Temptation (and every temptation) in 5 Parts (Genesis 3:1-5):

- I. Attacking the WORD of God.
 - A. “Did God actually say?”
- II. Questioning the POWER of God.
 - A. “You will not surely die.”
- III. Doubting the GOODNESS of God.
 - A. “God know that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God...”
- IV. Inserting human reason in the place of the COMMANDMENT of God.
 - A. “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...”
- V. Bringing it all down upon your HEAD.
 - A. “...she took of its fruit and ate, and gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

Some Extra Reading:

<https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-things-you-should-know-about-the-garden-of-eden/>

<https://theopolisinstitute.com/2-trees-of-eden-what-they-mean-knowledge-of-good-evil-vs-life/>