

Series: Chaos to Order
Title: The Temptation and Fall
Genesis 3

Introduction

Chapter 3 begins with the temptation from the serpent. The text here doesn't identify the serpent as Satan, but the rest of the Bible clarifies that Satan appears as a serpent.

1. The lifting up of the bronze serpent pictured the lifting up of _____ judged in the form of a cross.
2. Before his fall, _____ was an angel of the highest rank and prominence, even a worship leader in heaven.
3. Satan's fall was due to his _____ to be equal to or greater than God, to set his will against God's will.
4. We can't outsmart Satan, but we can _____ him with the power of Jesus.
5. It was the _____ of Satan that made him successful against Eve.
6. The serpent didn't start out as a snake; it _____ one.

I. Satan Tempts Eve

7. It wasn't so strange to Eve to think that an angelic being might appear to her in the form of a beautiful pre-curse _____.
8. Eve didn't receive the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil _____ from God but through Adam.
9. Satan's first attack was against the _____ of God.
10. Satan gets us to _____ and doubt God's Word.
11. Eve's first _____ was carrying on a discussion with the serpent.

12. Eve doesn't seem to know the name of this _____; she calls it the _____ in the midst of the garden instead of the _____ of the knowledge of good and evil.
13. Eve _____ God's command to Adam.
14. Adam did a poor job of relating to his wife the _____ God gave him.
15. The tree was there to remind them *they* were not God, that God had a legitimate _____ to their obedience, and that they were responsible to Him.

II. Satan Challenges God's Word

16. Satan first wanted Eve to _____ all about what God said about the consequences of sin.
17. In Satan's direct challenge, he tries to get Eve to doubt the _____ of God.
18. Satan always wants us to see sin as something good, that God is bad and evil, because He doesn't want us to _____ everything.
19. Satan's greatest _____ is that sin is not bad, and God is not good.
20. Satan always mixes lies with a little bit of _____.
21. The final enticement was the most powerful because it was how Satan himself _____.

III. The Fall of the Human Race

22. First, Eve gave in to the _____ of the flesh (saw that the fruit was good for food), then she gave in to the _____ of the eyes (pleasant to the eyes), then she gave in to the pride of life (desirable to make one wise).
23. _____ was tempted in the same three-fold way.
24. The tree was *not* really good for _____.

25. It was only true in Eve's _____ that the tree was desirable to make one wise.
26. Eve couldn't really say, "The _____ made me do it."
27. Adam sinned with his eyes wide open, in open _____ against God.
28. It is Adam, not Eve, who bears the responsibility for the fall of the human race and the introduction of _____ into the world.
29. But God's plan was to send Jesus to the world Adam _____ and surrender to death so that through His life, we can take and eat and be fully restored in fellowship with God.

IV. The Sin Exposed

30. When Adam and Eve's sin is exposed, they immediately recognize their _____.
31. It's a good sign if you feel _____ when you have done something wrong.
32. We need to let Jesus cover us with His _____ and put on Jesus Himself as our covering garment.

Conclusion

33. Adam and Eve knew that when they heard the LORD coming, He would want to be _____ them.
34. They knew their fig covering was completely _____, and they were embarrassed before God.
35. God knew where they were, but He also knew a _____ had been made between Him and them.
36. God, Himself would have to _____ that gulf.
37. God's question required an _____.

The way God came to Adam and Eve is how He comes to all of the lost and fallen of humanity.

- God came to them patiently, waiting for the cool of the day - when the evening breeze began to blow.
- God came to them with care and compassion - before the darkness of night overwhelmed them.
- God came to them personally, - addressing Adam and Eve directly.
- God came to them with truth, - showing them, He knew of their lost condition.

Answers

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| 1. sin | 14. command | 27. rebellion |
| 2. Satan | 15. claim | 28. death |
| 3. desire | 16. forget | 29. cursed |
| 4. overcome | 17. goodness | 30. nakedness |
| 5. craftiness | 18. enjoy | 31. guilty |
| 6. became | 19. lie | 32. righteousness |
| 7. serpent | 20. truth | 33. with |
| 8. directly | 21. fell | 34. inadequate |
| 9. Word | 22. lust | 35. gulf |
| 10. neglect | 23. Jesus | 36. bridge |
| 11. mistake | 24. food | 37. answer |
| 12. tree | 25. mind | |
| 13. misquotes | 26. devil | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. What parts of God’s Word does he tempt you to doubt? What specifically can you do to combat these temptations to doubt the Bible?
2. In what ways does Satan try to convince you that sin is not bad or that God is not good? Which of these lies are you more apt to believe? Why?
3. In what ways have you tried to “cover” your sins in front of God? Why is it always inadequate? What can you do to help accept God’s covering in Jesus more readily than your own inadequate coverings?