

Genesis 3:1-6

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ 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, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Tactics of the Devil

According to 1 Peter 5:8, we have an adversary, the devil, who is constantly roaming the earth seeking someone to devour. While he is not all-powerful or all-knowing, he is constantly looking for opportunities to deceive God’s children and cause them to stumble. Revelation 12:9 refers to the devil and Satan as the serpent of old who deceives the whole world. So let’s go back to the beginning of Scripture, to see what happened in the garden.

1. Read Genesis 3:1-6 and underline every reference to the **serpent** including pronouns.

Reflect: What did you learn about the serpent?

Reflect: What did the serpent say about God?

2. Read Genesis 3:1-6 and circle every reference to the **woman** including pronouns.

Reflect: What did she say that God had said? Did she obey this command?

Reflect: What was the progression of events that led to the woman’s disobedience? Who else was affected by her choice?

Jesus said in John 8:44 that the devil is a liar and the father of lies. His tactics have not changed since the beginning. He will always try to make you doubt the truth of what God says and who He is. Yet you can have victory over his schemes, if you choose to believe and obey what God says in His Word!