

Session 2

Title: The Delighted Family Deceived: Family of Adam and Eve



Get a Glimpse of The Fall of the first human family:

In this chapter we will step forward to take a closer look at the family of Adam and Eve. We hope in doing so, you will be able to catch a glimpse of the heart of the Triune God for this family - the ones who bore their image. However, you will also get a glance of the deceptive ways and craftiness of the enemy of our souls, who makes all efforts to destroy the cherished relationship between the Triune God and their children. But thank God, he is only a defeated foe today. (**1 John 3:8 and Colossians 2:15**)

Summary of the Video:

In Genesis Chapter 3, we see the family of Adam and Eve as the family of God's delight, created in God's image. Similarly, we are also special to God because we carry His Breath. The first thing that God commanded Adam and Eve according to **Genesis 1:28**, is to "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." So, everything was given to them to enjoy and rule over. God created human beings to be stewards, to be good resource managers of everything that God had given them. Adam and Eve had a very dynamic relationship with God and with one another.

From **Genesis 2:25** we can understand that Adam and Eve had no barrier between them, not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. Everything was very transparent and open between them before sin entered the human race. The enemy destroyed the first family, the very first institution of God's creation through sin.

Let us look at how the enemy foresees (**4 C's**) to strategize and destroy God's delight – the first human family.

Strategy 1 – Genesis 3: 1 – “The enemy caught the woman (Eve) alone”.

Often, one of the strategies the enemy uses to mess up the relationship between husbands and wives, is to catch them alone. To feed us with his thoughts and ideas while we are alone or when we feel alone.

Strategy 2: Genesis 3: 1-2: “The enemy capitalized on her (Eve) insufficiency”.

Satan said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" Eve replied saying, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree,

which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' There is no reference in the bible that states that God said, not to touch the fruit. This instruction originally was given by God to Adam and not to Eve, so this aspect: "not to touch the fruit" was added to the instruction. So, the enemy capitalized on this. Many times, the enemy capitalizes on the "insufficiency we have on God's word". When your knowledge of the scriptures is less, you can become his target. The more you know God's word you can defend yourself and fight the darts of the enemy.

Strategy 3: Genesis 3: 4: "The enemy caused her (Eve) to doubt God's intention".

Scripture tells us that it is God's desire for us that we become like Christ. But the enemy twisted this truth. He made Eve believe in a lie and misquoted God's good intention, His plans and caused confusion. God's word is rich, it is pure, it will never change, even if heaven and earth pass away, His word will never pass away, and it will accomplish its purpose. His plans, his thoughts are much higher and much greater.

Strategy 4: Genesis 3: 6: "The enemy changed her (Eve) lens to see the fruit through Satan's words".

The "death fruit" has now changed to "an attractive fruit" pleasing to the eyes, making one wise. The enemy's lens makes us look at things for the here and now, and not through the eyes of God that is for the future, i.e., eternity. So, when we focus on the immediate, and not see through the eyes of God, we may lose out on the future God has for us. After Satan had changed her lens to see the fruit differently, she decided to disobey God. This in turn destroyed her relationship with God and her husband.

Gain Insight & Apply:

In this chapter we learnt how Satan works to destroy and steal by deception, thereby messing up our relationship with God and with each other. Scripture tells us the truth about Satan being the father of lies and the deceiver from the beginning- John 8:44. However in the fallout at the garden of Eden, there was a part of the God's children erring and scripture reveals the consequences that followed as a result of it. It is imperative for us to take time to weed out the deception the enemy may be using in our lives today. Here are some questions to deliberate and reflect on:

1. One of the strategies of the enemy is to catch us when we are alone or feel lonely. Read **2 Samuel 11: 1- 26**. In the scripture we can see how the enemy craftily worked when David was alone while others had gone to battle.
 - a. Discuss some of the common excuses with which the enemy deceives couples to fall prey to the temptation of being alone, sometimes even hide or do things independent of each other.
 - b. What precautions can we take to not allow the enemy's deception specially, when it comes when we are alone or dealing with feelings of loneliness?

c. Read **1Peter 5: 7-9**, List out some of the precaution and steps we can take to resist the enemy.

2. The enemy many times uses insufficient knowledge of God's Word to deceive God's children. He knows the word of God, and he twists it just enough for it to seed doubt and distort God's Truth. The only way the children of God can combat the lies, is by knowing and studying the Word of God. It is important as Christians that we trust God, even when we do not seem to understand his ways and give into our own reasoning, that so often the enemy uses to deceive us. Read **John 8:44, Matthew 4: 1-11, Hebrews 4:12** and **Romans 12:2, Proverbs 3:4-6**.

a. In What ways did Satan try to tempt Jesus in the wilderness. And how was Jesus' response to Satan was different to Eve's response in the garden of Eden? Discuss

b. What do you think is the motive of the enemy in twisting the Truth and deceiving God's children? Discuss

c. Write down some of the steps you will take to build your knowledge of God's word.

3. The enemy not only distorts the truth but also lies as John 8:44 says. He did that by alluring Eve with a lens over her eyes, that made her see the fruit of death as a pleasing, wisdom generating fruit. The enemy so often destroys families by keeping them trapped and focused only on toiling and laboring for things that have little eternal value. Read **Isaiah 5: 20-21, Matthew 16:26, Matthew 6:7-34, Matthew 23:23, Micah 6:8, 2 Corinthians 4:18, John 17:3**.

a. What are some of the lies the enemy is telling families today? Discuss

b. What does the Word of God elucidate as things of eternal value? Read the scriptures mentioned above, discuss, and make a list.

c. From the above list of things, what are those things that is lacking in you as a couple and as a family? What steps would you take to work towards building those things?

I WILL:

Satan caught Eve alone to accomplish his plan to destroy human beings. The same can happen if we fail to be accountable to one another to nurture family relationships. Our accountability as a couple and a family will prevent us giving an entry for the enemy to creep in and deceive us. Write down as many "I will" statements to correspond to the actions you have decided to take to protect yourself and your family from the attack of the enemy deliberated from the above reflect and apply sections.

1. I Will _____

Prayer:

Father, thank you for speaking to us through your Word today. The enemy is out to target families, but we do not want to give him any room. We want to listen to you and obey your Word and live to do what you have purposed for us as a family. Help us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.