



Lesson 1

A Heart Attack *Genesis 3*

Adam and Eve are vulnerable and Satan is vile.

Summary

The Bible establishes in the record of the fall in Genesis 3, where the real battle to obey God is located. There will be external temptations. They will be presented through the body (eyes, ears, etc.). They will come into the heart, the inner man, where beliefs and wants flow in words. Out of the words of the heart, the Word of God is believed or denied resulting in sin.

The Commencement of Sin (v.1-7)

The P e r s o n of the Tempter (v.1)

There is more going on here than just an animal tempting Eve.

Satan never appears as he is.

Here is the introduction of competing voices.

The P r e s e n t a t i o n of the Temptation (v.2-6)

Through L i e s Directed at the Heart B e l i e f s (v.2-5)

Satan Q u e s t i o n s God's Word (v.1)

- ◇ Is the Word she has a c c u r a t e?
- ◇ Is the Word she has a u t h o r i t a t i v e?

Eve C h a n g e s God's Word (v.2-3)

- ◇ She leaves out “freely” and “all” thus making God less g r a c i o u s.

- ◇ She adds “neither touch it” thus making God more r e s t r i c t i v e.
- ◇ She leaves out “surely”, making God less serious about j u d g m e n t.

Satan C h a l l e n g e s God’s Word (v.4-5)

- ◇ He attacks God’s i n t e g r i t y.
- ◇ He attacks God’s i n t e n t i o n.

Through L u s t s Directed at the Heart W a n t s (v.6)

*Temptation appeals **through** a physical medium, s e e s.*

*Temptation appeals **to** the wants of the heart, d e s i r e s.*

*Temptation appeals **in** t h e m a t i c heart elements.*

- ◇ Your wants are shaped by what you b e l i e v e t o b e t r u e.
- ◇ Your wants and desires are carried about in w o r d s.
- ◇ You are responsible to c o n t r o l and to c h a n g e your wants.

The P r o d u c t of the Temptation (v.7)

Sin Resulting from D i s o b e d i e n c e

Shame Resulting from G u i l t

The Confrontation of Sin (v.8-13)

Engages through R e l a t i o n s h i p (v.8)

Live in the context of fellowship and relationship.

God initiates an active pursuit of the sinner.

Sin destroys the relationship breaking fellowship through fear and folly.



Sin destroys ones ability to see clearly, contrary to what was promised in the temptation.

Exposes through Q u e s t i o n s (v.9-13)

Questions around b r o k e n r e l a t i o n s h i p s
(v.9-10)

Questions examining e v i d e n c e s of g u i l t
(v.11a)

Questions about the f a c t s of s i n (v.11b-12)

Questions requiring s e l f - a c c u s a t i o n (v.13).

Explains through Illustrative R e s p o n s e s

- ◇ Denial – We will cover the effects of our sin.
- ◇ Escape/Avoid – We will hide from our accusers.
- ◇ Blame-shift – We will place blame on others.



Lessons for Learning

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE WORD OF GOD.

REJECT ALL FORMS OF FALSE COUNSEL.

WATCH OVER YOUR HEART WITH DILIGENCE.

RESPOND IN HUMBLE REPENTANCE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH GODLY COUNSEL.

OWN THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN.

BANK YOUR HOPE ON THE REDEEMER OF OUR SOULS.

Questions for Discussion