

You WILL Surely Die

- *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat**, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**" Gen. 2:16*
- *"If you **abide in My word**, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And **you shall know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free.**" Jn 8:31-32*
- *You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live Deut. 5:33*
- *"Every commandment which I command you **today you must be careful to observe**, that you may live*
- *I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, Deut. 30:19*

You WILL NOT Surely Die

- *God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'*" 4 Then *the serpent said* to the woman, "*You will not surely die.* Gen 3:3-5
- *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.* Jn 8:44
- It is imperative that we learn to see this clearly.
- Anything that contradicts God's word is a lie.
- Anything that contradicts God's Word brings death

Satan is a Liar

- Satan reframed the event to bring a different outcome
- That one lie “you will NOT surely die” changed all.
- *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. Gen 3:5*
- Eve saw an Illusion and a Mirage... it could never be
- the tree was good for food,
- was pleasant to the eyes,
- a tree desirable to make one wise,
- All of these things were lies! It was spiritual poison that could only bring death. If she had seen it that way then these three things are all false and lies.

What She Saw ... What She Received!

- In just a few years, Cain would kill Abel and every sin man can commit against others began
- *Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes." Eccl 7:29*
- She witnessed the slow slide of human race
- The world changed from of light, purity, righteousness and uprightness.
- Now anything was possible. Every evil imagination that man could invent he could create.
- *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually ... 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 ... all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. Gen 6:5-12*

The Full Extent of What Eve Did

- *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned — Rom. 5:12*
- Not just Adam and Eve!
- All children go through exactly the same experience
- God gives Laws – Sin offers a different view – then Death
- ***I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.***

A Path for Multitudes leading to Sin

- *A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing. 14 For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat by the highest places of the city, 15 To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way: 16*
"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here"; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, 17
"Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant." Pr. 9:13-18
- This sin has snared multitudes of both men and women.
- God has warned that the end of these things is death.
- ***18 But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of hell.***
- Foolish women and foolish men think it is pleasant ... these things work both ways today. We see it everywhere

Stolen Water ... Bread in Secret-Sweet

- *Not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But **sin, taking opportunity by the command, produced in me all manner of evil desire.***
- Every lust of the flesh and eyes and all the pride of life begins here.
- *For **all that is in the world** — **the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life** — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1Jn. 2:16-17*
- This is the key to fighting and winning the battle.
- Sin and the flesh frame it as sweet
- God reveals that the dead are there!
- ***I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.***

The Way of Escape

- *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who **will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation will also **make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.** 1 Cor 10:13*
- How it starts and how it must end!
- *And this is the condemnation, that **the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. 20 **For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.** 21 **But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen**, that they have been done in God." *Jn 3:19ff**
- The flesh love the darkness! Seeks to stay in darkness.

Jesus Refused to See the Lie

- *"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"*
- *"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,'"*
- *Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"*
- *"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."*
- *Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"*
- **By Quoting Scripture Jesus kept the truth in His sight**

The Next Time We Are Tempted

- Quote the Scripture!
- Bring it out into the light.
- The truth will make us free
- When we see it as God reveals it all sweetness is gone and only bitterness remains.
- If Eve had quoted the Scripture she would have seen the fruit for what it truly is and flee.
- If we can quote Scripture and keep it ever in sight, we will see it as it is and recoil in fear and disgust

Wake Up – See the Truth

- *And do this, knowing the time, **that now it is high time to awake out of sleep**; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 **The night is far spent, the day is at hand.** Therefore **let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.** 13 **Let us walk properly, as in the day,** not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Rom. 13:11-14*
- *14 Therefore He says: "**Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.**" 15 See then that you **walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,** (Eph. 5:14-15).*

Learn to Discern the Light & Dark

- *8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light* 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But **all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.** 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." 15 See then that you **walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, Eph. 5:7-15**

God's Word – Truth / Lies – Enslave

- Truth makes Free ...
- *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32*
- Lies Bring Enslavement...
- *For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. 2 Peter 2:18-20*
- It is all based on perspective. How we choose to see will determine how we choose to act.

Are We in Light / Darkness Truth / Lies

- *The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. 36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light." Luke 11:34-36*