

the fall

1. the CAUSE

READING-

GENESIS ch.3:1-7

Satan, was one of the highest angels in God's creation.* He was named Lucifer (Son of the morning) and was placed in great authority, a beautiful musical being. (Ezekiel 28:11-19)

1. **Where he was** In Heaven.
2. **What he wanted** To overthrow God. (Isaiah 14:12-14)
3. **What happened** God threw him out of heaven. (Luke 10:18 & Isaiah 14:12)
4. **What he won** Damnation in Hell. (Isaiah 14:15)**

*It is important to remember that Satan is a created being and as such cannot exceed God's authority.

**Hell was specifically made for the Devil and his following demonic angels, however, if any human being rejects God in his life, Hell is the only place without God!

THE DEVILS TACTICS IN DECEIVING ADAM AND EVE.

1. **DOUBT.** The Devil first attempted to cause Eve to doubt what God had said. (God's word)
2. **LIE.** In verse 4 the Devil openly lied and contradicted God's word.
3. **DECEPTION.** Now the trap was sprung. Having caused doubt and got away with contradicting God the Devil established his slant on the truth.

Notice that he approached Eve first knowing that Adam loved her and would have a weakness for the Devil to operate.

THE LORD'S WORDS ON THE DEVIL. (Devil- slanderer, accuser)

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Discuss the various ways modern life has given the Devil new ways to deceive non-Christian and Christians today.

Examine the aspects of human nature that open a way for the Devil to operate. (pride, loves, desires etc)

Point out that our eyes and ears are gates that need to be guarded.



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2. the CONSEQUENCE

READING-

GENESIS ch.3:6-24

Ch. 3v6 **THREE TYPES OF TEMPTATION**

1. **LUST OF THE FLESH** (GOOD FOR FOOD)
2. **LUST OF THE EYES** (PLEASANT TO THE EYES)
3. **PRIDE OF LIFE** (DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE)

SEE
1ST JOHN 2:16

RESULT 1 DISOBEDIENCE

Eve took of the fruit and gave to Adam who knowingly ate also (1st Timothy 2:14)

RESULT 2 DEATH

Death was instant, yet Adam lived until 930 years of age. How was this?

Man was created a tri-part being (see creation day 6) boy, soul & spirit. At the point of disobeying God Adam and Eve died spiritually.

Physically they began to deteriorate as we do and eventually death would reach them too.

RESULT 3 DISPAIR

The results of sin in the world are obvious to the trained eye, guilt, fear and shame. Adam and Eve tried to hide from the presence of God without success (Psalm 139). Adam confessed his fear (V10) he was ashamed.

As with many today, human nature attempts to shift the blame from themselves. (v 12&13) everyone always has an excuse.

The devil is still deceiving the world today. 'Things' can seem so attractive in their presentation, (alcohol, cigarettes, fashion etc.) yet once hooked a person finds only heartache, regret and trouble.

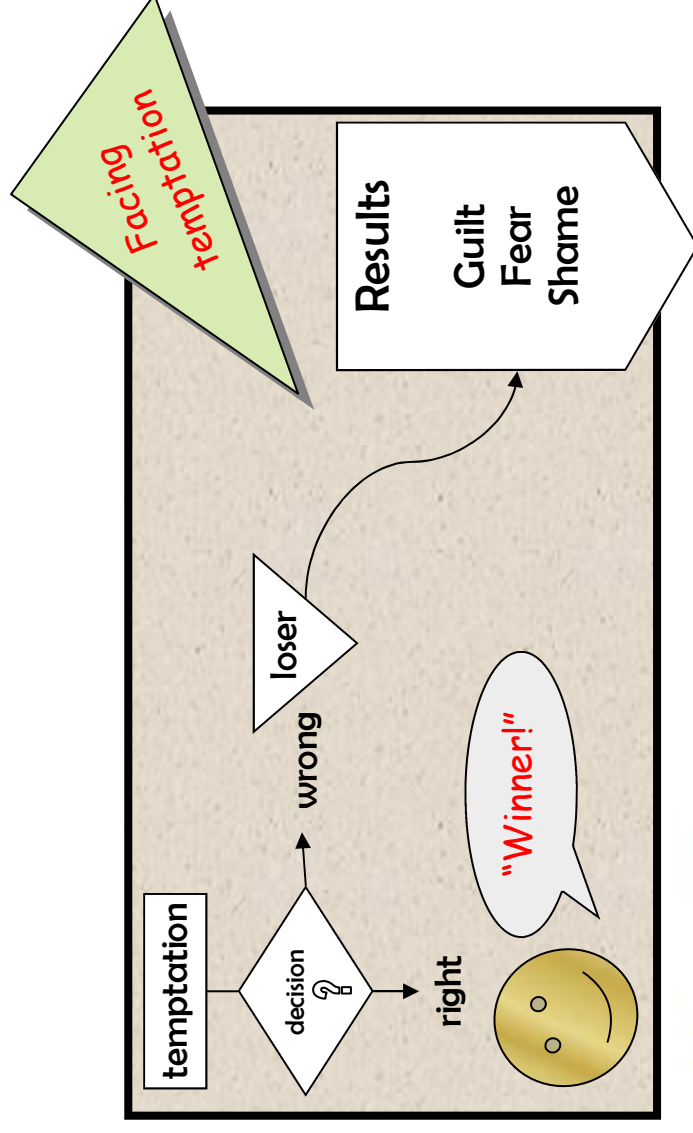
Not all 'baits' need to be harmful physically. A life given over to sport, fitness, education, career or homes/cars can divert ones attention from the important issues such as eternal salvation.

The word of God states, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"



"Repentance is agreeing with God that you are responsible for your own sinful actions and turning from them to trust in His salvation."





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3. the CONDITIONS

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GENESIS ch.3:8-24

One of the terrible things about the consequences of our actions is that they affect others as well as ourselves. Adam and Eve's actions made a change to themselves, altered their environment and opened a door of sin that would affect everyone born into the world since. (See Romans 5:12)

PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

- **DEATH** - Gradual, death was not instant but the body was now mortal. (Death also include nature, animal and vegetable life)
- **SICKNESS** - Suffering and sorrow are now part of the human experience, childbirth was mentioned in particular.
- **EFFORT** - Before sin entered the world, everything was provided for Adam. Now sustenance and provision would only come through toil.

SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS

- **DEATH** - Spiritually Adam and Eve died instantly. No longer would that part of man operate. God and man were now separated. For a human being to meet with God, they must have new Spiritual life. (This is why the Lord told Nicodemus in *John 3*, "You must be born again!" see next page)
- **BANISHMENT** - God's word tells us that God is so Holy and Sinlessly Perfect, nothing dirty will be in His presence. (*Rev. 21:27*) Some may feel that they are good people, yet compared to God's holiness our best efforts are useless. (Isaiah 64:6)

These conditions prevail in the world still today. The Bible tells us *that 'the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.'* Jer. 17:9 People are deceiving themselves, careless in their actions not caring about the consequences physically and not accepting the consequences spiritually.

Think for a moment on *Galatians 6:7*.

Regardless of what a persons heart will tell them, God has placed a final consequence for their sinful actions.

Read on for His reward for seeking His remedy!



