

ELEMENTS OF THE FALL – GENESIS 3:1-7

As soon as you do not trust completely in the wisdom and goodness of God you have sinned. All sin comes from distrusting God's character or His law.

1 The SOLICITOR

Genesis 3:1a

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.” (Ge.3:1a)

- Satan, the tempter, is a supernatural enemy of God and man.

2 The STRATEGY

Genesis 3:1b-5

“^{1b}...And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " ⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. ⁵or God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'” (Ge.3:1b-5)

- Satan wants you to believe that he is telling you the truth, and that God is a liar.
- The deadliest force released upon the world is the assumption that what God said is subject to our judgment or opinion. Satan always lies saying there will be no judgment ('You will not die').



3 The SEDUCTION

Genesis 3:6a

“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...” (Ge.3:6a)

- We have an unbelieving thought and we let that thought begin to seduce us through our lust (Ja.1:14-15).
- Now it is working on her emotions.

4 The SIN

Genesis 3:6b

“...she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” (Ge.3:6b)

- Now self-satisfaction drives her. It is no longer the glory of God anymore.

5 The SHAME

Genesis 3:7

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.” (Ge.3:7)

- But suddenly, in their pure world of relationship and sexual innocence, came perverse evil thoughts.