

**The Genesis Of
All Mankind's Problems**

DON'T BE A PUPPET OF SATAN!!
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Genesis 3 tells the story of all mankind and his relationship to God in one chapter. We learn from Genesis, God tells the whole story to those willing to seek it out!

(NKJV) Is 46:9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

(NKJV) Pr 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

A. We realize who our real enemy is and the results of submitting to him.

(NKJV) Ge 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman,

“Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

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B. Satan was behind all of this:

(NKJV) Jn 8:44 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.

(NKJV) 2 Co 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

(NKJV) Ro 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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SATAN'S HISTORY:

- C. Scripture says that Satan had been the most exalted angel ever created by God, that God had created him to rule as the highest of all created beings. His reign and rule for God was over the earth and the universe, over the physical and material world and dimension of being. But Satan did the same thing that all men have done: he sinned and fell. He began to look at himself, and he began to want to live like he wanted instead of like God wanted. He wanted ...
1. to rule and reign over the universe like he wanted
 2. to rule without answering to God
 3. to possess the ultimate authority over the world
 4. to be the supreme ruler of the earth and physical universe
- D. Satan wanted the very same thing that human nature has wanted down through history: to be one's own person; to do one's own thing; to control one's own life. Satan wanted what so many power-hungry men have wanted down through history: to be the sovereign ruler over nations and over the lives of people. This is what Scripture means when it reveals what Satan said in (NKJV) Is 14:13 For you have said in your heart:
- 'I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'**
- E. Simply stated, Satan rebelled against God. Consequently, God had no choice but to cast Satan down from his exalted position in heaven. Originally, when Satan ruled as the highest of all created beings ...
1. his name was Lucifer, which means star of the morning.
 2. he was the anointed cherub who covered the very throne of God Himself.
 3. He was the angel in charge of the glory of God's very own throne throughout the physical and material universe.

- F. Note how the following Scriptures have a double reference referring both to an earthly king and to Satan himself.

(NKJV) Is 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How you are cut down to the ground*, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

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(NKJV) Eze 28:11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him,

‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

16 “By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. 18 “You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.” ’ ’ ”

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- G. He is the God of this world
(NKJV) 2 Co 4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

- H. He shall ultimately be defeated
(NKJV) Lk 10:18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
(NKJV) Jn 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

- I. He rules the media!
(NKJV) Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

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- J. Satan will use his tactics to get us to dishonor God pull us away from him
 - 1. We all have a choice to honor God or the world.
- K. There will be consequences because of our choice
 - 1. We will live or die by the choices we make
 - a. If we have honor God and his word, we will live
 - b. If we dishonor God and his word we will die
 - 2. We will face a Judgement of our actions

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- L. Here in Genesis 3 we see
 - 1. Powerlessness of man to walk in the path of righteousness when divine grace is withheld from him.
 - 2. Spiritual effects of sin—man seeking to flee from God.
 - 3. The attitude of God toward the guilty sinner
 - 4. Universal tendency of human nature to cover its own moral shame by a device of man's own handiwork.
 - 5. Gracious provision which God has made to meet our great need.
 - 6. The stream of prophecy which runs all through the Holy Scripture
 - 7. Man cannot approach God except through a mediator.
- M. We will be sentenced justly
 - 1. The **will** of God was **resisted**,
 - 2. the **word** of God was **rejected**,
 - 3. the **way** of God was **deserted**.
- N. We will be resettled according to our works
 - 1. In Heaven with God
 - 2. In Hell without God
- O. How to avoid being Satan's puppet
(NKJV) 1 Pe 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

WE MUST KNOW OUR ADVERSARY.

- P. We must know our adversary.
(NKJV) 2 Co 2:11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

(NKJV) Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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II. Satan's Tactics To make you his puppet

A. **SATAN'S TACTICS** (*A Downward Spiral*)

1. **DISTRACTION** (from God's Word)
 - a. **Focusing on the Body**
 - b. **Focusing on the Soul**
 - c. **Focusing on the Physical and Ignoring the Spirit and eternity**
2. **DECEPTION** (of what God says)
3. **DOUBT** (in what God says)
4. **DISCONTENT** (in what God is doing or has done)
5. **DENIAL** (of God's Word)
6. **DISHONOR** (of a Holy God in Word)
7. **DISOBEDIENCE** (by actions against God's Word)
8. **DISMISSIAL** by God

III. **DISTRACTION**

(NKJV) Ge 3:6 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. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE BODY

- A. *Distracting by getting us to **Focusing on the Body** - good for food,*
1. His first attack – Things attractive and appealing to our bodies
 2. biological drives; urges of our bodies.
 3. Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, sex

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE SOUL

- B. *Distracting by getting us to **Focusing on the Soul** - pleasant to the eyes*
1. *Mind, will, emotions, intellect*
 2. the world's charms; stuff of the world; things that affect our intellect

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE PHYSICAL AND IGNORING OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

C. *Distracting by getting us to* **Focusing on the Physical and Ignoring the Spirit and eternity** - *desirable to make one wise*

1. to get you to turn away from serving God
2. moving you away from spiritual things

D. How satan gets in: Think of the Gates to a fort or castle. The walls are there to protect the inhabitants. They are in the fort but there are gates that people go through to receive goods and services from the outside.

They are the way of entry. Beneficial things can enter through the gates well as the enemy.

Once the enemy gets in he can take control and defeat the people.

(NKJV) Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

E. The Way Satan Gets into the heart of man: The five gates to the Soul

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DISTRACTING BY APPEALING TO OUR FLESH

F. **DISTRACTING BY APPEALING TO OUR FLESH – Our Bodily Desires**

(NKJV) Ga 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1. **Adultery** (moicheia): sexual unfaithfulness to husband or wife. It is also looking on a woman or a man to lust after her or him. Looking at and lusting after the opposite sex whether in person, magazines, books, internet, church or anywhere else is adultery. Imagining and lusting within the heart is the very same as committing the act.
2. **Fornication** (porneia): a broad word including all forms of immoral and sexual acts. It is premarital sex and adultery; it is abnormal sex, all kinds of sexual vice.
 - a. Sex is natural.
 - (1) The drive is natural for a man to want a woman and a woman to want a man.
 - (2) God wants us to satisfy this desire with someone he gives us not just any and everybody. Someone we marry
 - (3) The devil presents us with the temptation to commit
 - (a) Adultery

- (b) Fornication
 - (4) Satan perverts sex and causes men to seek after men
 - b. Seeking comfort and enjoyment of the body is normal
 - (1) But not wantonness, living for our pleasure
 - (a) Getting High
- 3. **Uncleanness** (akatharsia): moral impurity; doing things that dirty, pollute, and soil life
- 4. **Lasciviousness** (aselgeia): filthiness, indecency, shamelessness. A chief characteristic of the behavior is open and shameless indecency. It means unrestrained evil thoughts and behavior. It is giving in to brutish and lustful desires, a readiness for any pleasure.

It is a man who knows no restraint, a man who has sinned so much that he no longer cares what people say or think. It is something far more distasteful than just doing wrong. The man who misbehaves usually tries to hide his wrong, but a lascivious man does not care who knows about his exploits or shame. He wants; therefore, he seeks to take and gratify.

Decency and opinion do not matter. Initially when he began to sin, he did as all men do: he misbehaved in secret. But eventually, the sin got the best of him—to the point that he no longer cared who saw or knew. He became the slave of a master—the master of habit, of the thing itself. Men become the slaves of such things as unbridled lust, wantonness, licentiousness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence (Mk. 7:22), wanton manners, filthy words, indecent body movements, immoral handling of males and females (Ro. 13:13), public display of affection, carnality, gluttony, and sexual immorality (1 Pe. 4:3; 2 Pe. 2:2, 18). (See 2 Co. 12:21; Ga. 5:19; Ep. 4:19; 2 Pe. 2:7.)

(NKJV) Ro 1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

(NKJV) Eph 4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

- 5. **Idolatry** (eidololatreia): the worship of idols, whether mental or made by man's hands; the worship of some idea; the giving of one's primary devotion (time and energy) to something other than God.
- 6. **Witchcraft** (pharmakeia): sorcery; the use of drugs or of evil spirits to gain control over the lives of others or over one's own life. In the present

context it would include all forms of seeking the control of one's fate including astrology, palm reading, séances, fortune telling, crystals, and other forms of witchcraft.

7. **Hatred** (echthrai): enmity, hostility, animosity. It is the hatred that lingers and is held for a long, long time; a hatred that is deep within.
8. **Variance** (ereis): strife, discord, contention, fighting, struggling, quarreling, dissension, wrangling. It means that a man fights against another person to get something: position, promotion, property, honor, recognition. He deceives, doing whatever must be done to get what he is after.
9. **Emulations** (zeloi): jealousy, wanting and desiring to have what someone else has. It may be material things, recognition, honor, or position.
10. **Wrath** (thumoi): bursts of anger; indignation; a violent, explosive temper; quick-tempered explosive reactions that arise from stirred and boiling emotions. But it is anger which fades away just as quickly as it arose. It is not anger that lasts.
11. **Strife** (eritheiai): conflict, struggle, fight, contention, faction, dissension; a party spirit, a cliquish spirit.
12. **Seditions** (dichostasiai): division, rebellion, standing against others, splitting off from others.
13. **Heresies** (aireseis): rejecting the fundamental beliefs of God, Christ, the Scriptures, and the church; believing and holding to some teaching other than the truth.
14. **Envyings** (phthonoi): this word goes beyond jealousy. It is the spirit ...
15. **Murders** (phonois): to kill, to take the life of another person. Murder is sin against the sixth commandment.
16. **Drunkenness** (methai): taking drink or drugs to affect one's senses for lust or pleasure; becoming tipsy or intoxicated; partaking of drugs; seeking to loosen moral restraint for bodily pleasure.
17. **Revellings** (komoi): carousing; uncontrolled license, indulgence, and pleasure; taking part in wild parties or in drinking parties; lying around indulging in feeding the lusts of the flesh; orgies.

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By the things of the world to get at our minds - Use the things of this world to cause us to sin

(NKJV) Jn 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

(NKJV) 1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 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.

(NKJV) Jn 12:25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

(NKJV) Mt 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

1. Soul - Our thinking selves, our self-consciousness, our pride
2. Most things are not illegal or immoral but they slowly and surely destroy our spiritual relationship with God

(NKJV) Mt 13:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

3. Most things are not problems until they become more important than our relationship and worship of God and his Church!

(NKJV) Mt 22:37 Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
38 This is the first and great commandment.

- a. Job
- b. Homes
- c. Family
- d. Husbands, wives, children
- e. Relationships
- f. Money

(NKJV) 1 Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- g. Material things

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- H. **DISTRACTING BY WEAKENING THE SPIRIT** By spiritual forces to break our spirit - Attacks our relationship with God Mat 4:5

(NKJV) Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1. Spirit - Our God Consciousness
 - a. a. Man is the only creature with this ability
2. Attempts to pull you away from the power of your rights in God - makes you doubt God's word
3. Astrology, Familiar spirits, dream interpreters
4. Keep you away from the word of god, and fellowshiping with other saints

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IV. WHAT TO DO

- B. Flesh attacks the appetites of the Body. Wants you to choose to satisfy the desires of the flesh. All around in the media, enjoy life, Go for all the Gusto! Sex Appeal

WITH APPEALS TO THE BODY - RUN FROM THE FLESH

(NKJV) 2 Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

(NKJV) 1 Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1. Don't try to fight this, Flee from it
 - a. Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife
 - (1) Did he try to pray about it?
 - (2) Talk her out of it
2. **RUN!, RUN!, RUN!**
 - a. Don't Get into a situation or if in, Get out.
3. Over eating, smoking, Drinking, Drugs
 - a. Stay away from places where you have to face your temptations
 - (1) You are not smarter than Satan!
 - b. Doctor says overweight, don't sand around watching them make Doughnuts
 - c. Don't stare at that person with lust knocking at the door
 - (1) Get out! Close your eyes

C. The world attacks the soul –

WITH APPEALS TO THE SOUL - STUDY GOD'S WORD MORE!

1. Wants to make you crave the things of the world more than God
 - a. Clothes, Status, Cars, Security
2. It will offer substitutes to obeying God
3. Don't fight the craving, Grow closer to God
 - a. You cannot love god and the world, if the love for God grows the world's charm will decrease **ROM12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. JAM 4: 4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.**
4. Keep the right relationship with God **KEEP HIM LORD OF YOUR LIFE!**
 - a. Fellowship with others in Christ - Our Church!
 - b. Study with us, Grow with us
 - c. Worship Him!

D. Devil attacks the Spirit

WITH APPEALS TO WEAKING YOUR SPIRIT – WORSHIP GOD!

1. Resist with the power of the spirit - **THE WORD**
2. Use God's word, Jesus did
 - a. As a soldier becomes knowledgeable of his weapon, we too must be knowledgeable of God's Word
 - b. Memorize the word to have it when we need it

(NKJV) Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

c. The more the word is in the heart the more powerful you are to resist Satan's ways

(NKJV) Jas 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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