

4 LIES THE ENEMY USES AGAINST US



"Human history is the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make them happy."– C.S. Lewis

There are so many lies we buy into in an effort to find joy outside of a surrendered relationship with God. Genesis introduces sin, and in Genesis 3 we read the account of an interaction between the deceiver and the woman. This conversation reveals the lies that started humanity's long stint of wandering. (Genesis 3:1-7) In this Passage of Scripture, we notice four lies the serpent uses to pull the first humans away from God's best.

Lie #1: There are No Consequences When We Go Against God's Word.

The serpent approaches Eve with a question. The crafty enemy asks if God "really" said not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. He then follows this question with a lie, telling her if she disobeyed God and ate the pleasing fruit, she and Adam would not certainly die. Satan presents the idea that the consequences God warns of would not apply to Adam and Eve. He pushes Eve to follow what looked good to her eyes. **(Proverbs 14:12)**

Lie #2: God is Withholding Goodness from Us.

The devil told Eve that if she ate from this forbidden fruit, she would be like God! She would have knowledge of good and evil. Eve was sold the lie of discontentment. She believed that God was withholding his goodness from her and Adam, and she needed to take matters into her own hands. **(Psalm 23:6)**

Lie #3: God is Not Trustworthy.

The essence of this conversation is to undermine Adam and Eve's trust in the character of God. All this dialogue leads to the humans' believing God is not trustworthy. This misguided belief led them to follow the advice of the serpent rather than remaining faithful to their Maker.

How many times do we fall into this trap? We believe we know best. We rail against God and spend our time stuck questioning His ways, His goodness, His plan for our lives and His rules. **(Proverbs 3:5-7)**

Lie #4: When We Fail, We Must Run and Hide From God.

In verses 9 and 10 in Chapter 3, we see God enter the picture. He is walking in the garden that He generously created and crafted for Adam and Eve and calls them out. When He finally interacts with them, He asks why they are hiding, feeling naked and afraid. The knowledge that the serpent led them to open their eyes to a feeling of shame. They are no longer God's children, free and comfortable in their own skin. Adam and Eve believed the lie that their knowledge and disobedience was greater than God's love. They did not realize that their Maker was, at His core, a being of love. We are never too far from God to reach out and experience the love of Christ, but the enemy of our souls wants us to remain stuck living in shame because this keeps us far from God and His perfect love. **(Romans 5:8; James 4:8)**