



# PLEASANT TO THE EYES

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A BIBLICAL STUDY - Genesis 3:1-13



"THAT OLD SERPENT, CALLED THE DEVIL AND SATAN, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD"

*At some time in our lives, we might have shaken our head with disappointment at the fall initiated by Eve and followed by Adam. How could they have given in to this weakened moment? In this lesson, we hope to deepen our understanding of "The Fall."*

## HEBREW DEFINITIONS



- 1 SERPENT (5175) "nachash" - a snake
- 2 SUBTILE (6175) "arum" - cunning; crafty, prudent. Used only once in scripture.
- 3 PLEASANT (2530) "chamad" - to delight in: beauty, greatly beloved, covet, desire. Used only 3 times.

"THE EATING OF THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT ONLY EXTERNALIZES THE INTERNAL APOSTACY...HERE THE DEVICES OF THE TEMPTER ARE FULLY REVEALVED - THE LUST OF THE FLESH, THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE. THESE ARE SATAN'S BASIC STRATAGEMS, WHICH HE DEPLOYS WITH ENDLESS VARIATION."

## TEXT OF THE WEEK

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."  
- Hebrews 11:24-25

1. The chapter opens with a description of the serpent. What do the characteristics of the "serpent" typically represent throughout scripture?
  - Gen. 49:16-17; II Cor. 11:2-4
  - Num. 21:6-9; John 3:14
  - Psalm 58:3-4; I Cor. 10:9
2. Did Eve approach the serpent or did the serpent approach Eve? (3:1) How is this typical of sin and temptation?
3. Compare God's command (2:16-17) with the "counter attack" by the serpent (3:2-5). Why is this such a "cunning" attack?
4. What three things did Eve use to justify her actions *before* she sinned? (3:6)
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
  - A) What are the three things of the world that Paul warns those who have overcome the wicked one to avoid? I John 2:14-16 Describe each.
    - 1.
    - 2.
    - 3.
  - B) Give spiritual examples of each of the above:
    1. II Cor. 10: 3-6
    2. II Cor. 10:7
    3. II Cor. 10: 12-18
  - C) What are the four things given as examples not to lust after? I Cor. 10:6-11
    - 1.
    - 2.
    - 3.
    - 4.
  - D) How is it possible to "overcome the wicked one"? Eph. 6:11-18
5. What actions are the result and consequence of sin? Gen. 3:7-8, 12-13
  - When our sin causes this separation from God, of what must we be reminded? Jer. 23:23-24; Luke 8:13-17
  - Why does "blaming" or "excusing" our sin not hold any weight with God? I Cor. 10:13; Heb. 12:4; James 1:12-15



"Lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil..."

*Final Thoughts...What if it seems you cannot walk away from your sin? Will your heart remain hardened as in Luke 8:13? Can you pray the prayer of David in Psalm 51? Will you be ready for the hour of temptation described in Rev. 3:20? "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner." "Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."*