

Bible Verse of the Day: Advent Season, Genesis 3:8-15

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Then they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

He said, "I heard Your voice in the garden and was afraid because I was naked, so I hid myself."

And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me *fruit* of the tree, and I ate."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed above all livestock, and above every beast of the field; you will go on your belly, and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."

Five Basic Rules of Spiritual Warfare

Eve was out walking around all by herself one day when the devil approached her with the subtly worded question: "Has God

said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" (Gen. 3:1). Right then and there Eve should have shut the devil down and told him to keep quiet. But she didn't. She entertained his question and entered into a discussion with the devil, a conversation manipulated and controlled by Satan. Although she didn't know it at the time (as far as we know, she had never seen or heard from the devil before this), Eve violated the first of five basic rules of spiritual warfare:

1. Never, ever enter into a dialogue with the devil on his terms.
2. Never, ever entertain devilish thoughts about God's goodness.
3. Never, ever feel that you need to defend God.
4. Never, every deny God's Word.
5. Never, ever doubt God's motives. {eoa}

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