



## **Temptation & Tragedy**

Genesis 3:1-6 and Selected Scriptures

Message #7

**Central Truth:** A thorough understanding of what the Scriptures teaches about the Tempter and temptation will help us to better guard ourselves against both its Purveyor and its prevalence.

I. The Identity of the Tempter (Gen. 3:1a).

1. His creation (Job 38:4-7).
2. His fall (Luke 10:18; Isa. 14 & Ezek. 28).
3. His demons (Rev. 12:3-4).

II. The Strategy of the Tempter (Gen. 3:1b-5; Matt. 4:1-11).

1. He distorts God's will (Gen. 3:1b).
2. He distorts God's word (Gen. 3:2-4).
3. He distorts God's integrity (Gen. 3:5).

III. The Nature of the Temptation (Gen. 3:6; 1 John 2:16).

1. Temptation appeals toward our appetites.
2. Temptation appeals toward our affections.
3. Temptation appeals toward our ambitions.

## **Scripture of the Week**

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

**James 1:13-16**