

Sunday, September 28, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Surprise, the Liar Lied

Series:: Spiritual Warfare ... 2; Text: Genesis 3

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of some of the major strategies of Lucifer.

Introduction:

Last Sunday we began a series regarding ‘Spiritual Warfare.’ We considered three portions of Scripture (Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Daniel 10). The major points were: ~ 1) Insights From Daniel, ~ 2) Insights From Ezekiel, ~ 3) Insights From Isaiah, ~ 4) Insights of the First Sin ~ Ephesians 6:10 – 12, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over the present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” Compare with 2 Kings 6:16, “He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them,””

~ Today we will look at the first recorded exchange between Lucifer and humankind. Meaning of the word ‘lied:’ “to make an untrue statement with the intent to deceive.”

1. The Serpent:

~ vs. 1 – “Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.”

~ serpent (viper) used 31 times: Genesis 49:17 regarding Dan; Exodus 4:3 and the rod of Moses; Numbers 21:9 the bronze serpent for healing; New Testament most interesting is John 3:14

~ crafty used 11 times in the Old Testament – means subtle, shrewd, crafty sly, sensible

~ beast has a primary meaning of living, alive (Blue Letter Bible)

~ vs. 3:14 – 15 – “The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. (15) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

~ whatever form the appearance of the serpent took after the curse was different than prior Ezekiel 28:12 – 18

~ 2 Corinthians 11:14 – “And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

~ John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

2. The Strategy:

~ vs. 1, “He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

The FIRST thing the serpent does is create DOUBT in Eve’s thinking.

~ vs. 2 – 3, “And the woman said to the serpent. “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, (3) but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.”

~ Genesis 2:16 – 17, “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, (17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

~ This was before God created Eve; she received her information from Adam.

~ vs. 4, “But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.”

After DOUBT has been planted the serpent LIES; it is a direct contradiction of what God said.

~ vs. 5, “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Notice the first lie contradicts God and this second LIE the serpent defames the character of God.

~ vs. 6, the result was both Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Compare with Hebrews 5:11 – 14

~ vs. 7, the effect was immediate SPIRITUAL death; and in the physical something significant changed, they saw that they were naked. They now tried to cover themselves. That is the story of human religion and philosophy!

~ vs. 8b, “and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.”

~ vs. 10b, “and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

Notice the progression: vs. 1, Satan sows DOUBT; vs. 2 & 3, God is MISQUOTED; vs. 4, Satan LIES; vs. 5, Satan DEFAMES God; vs. 6, DISOBEDIENCE; vs. 7, SELF-EFFORT; vs. 8 & 10, AFRAID (not the fear of the Lord); vs. 12, SHIFTING BLAME; vs. 13, REALIZATION of DECEPTION

3. The Sentencing:

~ vs. 14, some suggest that the creature used by Satan before the rebellion was an upright creature who was now cursed by God and travelled on its belly

~ vs. 15, to Satan, enmity, he would bruise the heel of the seed (Christ Jesus) of the woman and her seed would bruise his head (Revelation 20:1-3, 10 and Hebrews 2:14)

IS THIS THE FIRST MESSIANIC PROMISE?!!!

~ vs. 16, to the woman, increased pain in childbearing. Physical death would not be immediate, she would bear offspring and through a woman would come the Messiah!

~ vs. 17 – 19, to the man: the ground is cursed, dominate weeds, and work became toil!

~ vs. 22 – 24, humankind is expelled from the Garden of Eden

4: The Supernatural Provision:

~ vs. 21, “And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.”

Compare Revelation 19:6 – 8

~ My contention is that this was done in front of Adam and Eve; that they would understand the cost of sin and the remedy. That position, in my opinion, gives divine sense to Genesis 4:1 – 7 and Hebrews 9:21 – 28.

Conclusion:

Ephesians 5:25 – 33