

sermon notes

Adam Casalino, Messiah Bible Church | Genesis 3:1-5
October 21, 2026 | "The Serpent's Scheme"

Satan's 2-fold intentions for you:

1) Step one of the serpent's scheme is:

2) Step two of the serpent's scheme is:

3) Step three of the serpent's scheme is:

4) The serpent's scheme is defeated by:

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

What is the 2-fold pattern of Satan's intentions for you? How does Satan go about accomplishing this? How did Satan go about deceiving Eve to get her to sin and bring about condemnation in her (and Adam's) heart?

How does Satan get you to doubt the truth? How does he get you to swap out the truth with his lies? What is his third and final step in trying to deceive you? Why does Satan want you to believe God is not good?

GET PERSONAL

Consider how the enemy tries to get you to doubt God's word, especially through distraction. In what ways have you found yourself getting distracted from God's word in your daily life? What steps should you take to minimize the world's noise so you can focus more of your attention on God's word?

Adam explained that Satan often swaps out the truth by adding to God's word. Is there anything you are believing that is not grounded in Scripture, but is something added by manmade tradition, worldly ideas, or your own assumptions? What does the word of God say instead?

Do you ever feel as if God is not good? Do you ever doubt his perfect plan for your life? Do you sometimes think that he loves others more than you? What is the remedy to these lies?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 calls us to take captive thoughts that contradict or defy God's word. The solution to overcoming Satan's lies is to cast them down with the truth of the gospel. Prayerfully consider any thoughts, assumptions, beliefs in your life that contradict God's promises in the gospel. What does God's word really say in response to those thoughts? Daily confront those thoughts with the truth of the gospel. Meditate on, memorize, pray out, and share God's truth and the lies of the enemy will shrink and diminish in your heart and mind.