

"MAN DEPARTING FROM GOD"

GENESIS 2:16-17; 3:1-6

I. GOD'S ORIGINAL WORDS TO THE FIRST MAN & WOMAN WERE DESIGNED TO KEEP THEM CLOSE TO HIMSELF (2:16-17)

- A. God Gave Man A Permission (2:16)
- B. God Gave Man A Prohibition (2:17a)
 - 1. To Keep Man Mentally And Spiritually Submissive To His Creator
 - 2. To Test Man In A Neutral Area To See Whether Or Not Man Would Remain In His Place
- C. God Gave Man A Promise [In The Form Of A Warning] (2:17b)

II. GOD'S ORIGINAL WORDS TO THE FIRST MAN & WOMAN WERE SHUNNED IN FAVOR OF THE WORDS OF A SERPENT THAT WERE DESIGNED TO DRAW MAN AWAY FROM GOD (3:1-6)

- A. Behind This Serpent Was Another Person
 - 1. Christ Himself Referred To This Event (John 8:44)
 - 2. John Calls Satan A "Serpent" (Revelation 12:9)
- B. The Methodology Of The Serpent/Satan Is Reduplicated In The Lives Of All People (3:1-6)
 - 1. The Serpent Questioned The Reasonableness Of God's Prohibition (3:1)
 - a. Through Deliberate Exaggeration Of The Facts
 - b. Eve Stated The Permission Accurately But Was Conned Into Herself, Exaggerating The Prohibition (3:2-3)

2. The Serpent Denied God's Promise (Warning) (3:4)
 3. The Serpent Tempts Eve With The Same Temptation That The Devil Himself Was Plagued With: To Throw Off All Restraint And Be Just Like The One Who Made Him (3:5)
- C. Both The Woman & The Man Decided (Albeit In Different Ways) That The Devil Was Right And God Was Wrong (3:6)