

Bible Quiz #35 – How do we recognize Satan's lies?

His lying begins in Revelation 12:9... And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Interesting question: How does Satan bring destruction into our lives?

(For we have the power to decide our own futures.)

-- He can only lead us to turn away from our Creator, Satan cannot force us to turn away.

There are many deceptions and outright lies Satan uses to lead us away from God's blessings...

-- **The first deception is recorded in Genesis 3:1-5** (ESV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" (2) 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.'" (4) But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. (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."

Q1. From Genesis 3:1... Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

What approach did the Serpent use to try to get Eve to leave following God's directions?

He... a/ bragged of his cleverness. b/ got her to doubt God's words. c/ used her hunger.

Q2. From Genesis 3:4-5... But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. (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."

We read of how his deceptions are expanded... Circle his attack we find here.

He... a/ tempted her with an apple. b/ showed her his own beauty. c/ said God lied to her.

Q3. There is another deception used in these verses... Circle this other attack we find here.

He said... a/ she could rule over Adam. b/ she could be like God. c/ he could make her rich.

Please note that the great serpent Satan doesn't force mankind to sin, he deceives us into choosing to sin.

-- This fact is repeated over and over again, for it makes us responsible for our sin, for we cannot say, "Satan MADE me do it!" That is why Satan's forces will always use deceptions to cause us to fall.

Let's look at some more of his deceptions...

Ephesians 2:1-2 (GNB) In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. (2) At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now controls the people who disobey God.

Fill in the blanks...

Q4. Ephesians 2:1... In the past you were spiritually dead because of your _____ and sins.

a/ disobedience b/ arrogance c/ laziness

Q5. Ephesians 2:2... At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now _____ the people who disobey God.

a/ assists b/ punishes c/ controls

Satan takes control of our lives when we choose to disobey God...

It may seem like we are taking control of our lives, just like Eve tried to in Genesis 3:5.

However, in truth, you end up serving one or the other, God or Satan. Rebellion against God means we follow our fleshly ways that always lead us into Satan's trap.

(Pg. #2 of this quiz will examine how to avoid those traps)