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**In Between**

Genesis 3:1-3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (KJV)

The prince of the power of the air cannot pull anyone out of God’s kingdom; however, he will do all he can to talk you out of God’s will with a bit of truth and just enough of a lie to get you to fall if you are not paying attention. The enemy took some shots at mankind and eventually got them to fall for something foul and not in play. Since the Garden of Eden he has perfected his craft and knows our weaknesses, especially when we let down our shield of faith and expose them.

Genesis 3:4-6 And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (KJV)

You know, of all the fruit trees they had access to, why was all the attention focused on the one that was forbidden? Well, the enemy was allowed in and he stole the simple truth from one of God’s people which resulted in separation with God for all of mankind. The same fowl spirit is doing the same thing today, getting God’s people to bite into something too good to be true.

Genesis 3:7-9 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou? (KJV)

The Lord blessed Adam and had a good plan for his life, just like he does with His church today; however, the fowls of the air are hovering about looking to get you to bite into the fruit of this earth instead of the fruit of the Spirit. Notice, Adam realized he was naked; however, it was not just the outward man that was being exposed.

Genesis 3:10-11 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, who told thee that thou was naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou should not eat? (KJV)

God had a plan and a path for Adam to walk, so when Adam wasn’t in the place he needed to be our Lord knew something was wrong. You know when something is wrong in your walk too, especially if it is something you need to hide and don’t want others to see. In other words whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Revelation 3:16-17 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: (KJV)

Today that same worldly spirit is infecting God’s people and causing them to be exposed to the elements, and many are dying from it. It’s not the outward nakedness that Adam feared as much as that inward one he was experiencing, a spirit of fear that did not come from God.