

## “Garden Seeds of Doubt”

Genesis 3:1-7

- v. 1a “Now” = (waw); same as 1:2; indicating a \_\_\_\_\_ thought based on the conclusion or summation of a previous section. (Lit. - “and”)

Describe the serpent –

- a. The serpent was more \_\_\_\_\_...

Q. What does this mean?

A. More subtle, more intellectual, more skillful, tricky, \_\_\_\_\_ . Cp. 2 Cor. 11:3

- b. He was part of the \_\_\_\_\_ animals. Cp. 1:24-25

- c. He was made by \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Only in the New Testament is there a clear and undeniable connection made with \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 12:9; 20:2).

- v.1b Q. What did the serpent do?

“He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden’?” (Gen. 3:1 NIV)

A.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the words of God or what she heard and understood God to say through her husband's testimony.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate the positive command in 2: 16, and he \_\_\_\_\_ the negative command given to Adam in 2:17.

Dissecting the speech:

Q. Was it a statement, a question, or an expression of shock/surprise?

A.

1. Sometimes statements are \_\_\_\_\_ as questions.  
"Are you really wearing that to your job interview?"
2. Sometimes questions are just that – a form of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sometimes questions are used as \_\_\_\_\_ of shock/surprise. "Did they really do that?"

Q. What was the intent of the question?

A.

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ the word of her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ the word of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

vv. 2-3 Q. What was her reaction to the talking serpent?

A.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ the positive command.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ the negative command.
3. But she \_\_\_\_\_ to it, "and you must not touch it."

Q. What are the possibilities for the addition to the command originally given in 2:17?

A.

1. It could have been an \_\_\_\_\_, unconscious statement.

2. It could have been passed along \_\_\_\_\_ from Adam.
3. It could have been passed along \_\_\_\_\_ by Adam for her protection.

Regarding answer number three:

Note: There are those who hold (speculatively) that this is an early form of \_\_\_\_\_: The giving of an oral law that conveys an intent so that if violated, will not truly violate the written law. [Ex., Certain Sabbath Laws]

Ex. \_\_\_\_\_ law = Don't go past the sidewalk [more restrictive].  
 \_\_\_\_\_ law = It is illegal to play in the street.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ = We don't want you to be endangered by playing in the street, so we are going to make a law that supersedes the actual law to keep you from violating it.

In other words, [speculatively], Adam received the command from the Lord about not eating from the tree. Eve was not created yet. So, as a protection for Eve, he extended the command and told her not to even \_\_\_\_\_ it. The command that she is reiterating then, is not the concise command of God but a modified one given by Adam. Which...may be another reason God blames him for the Fall of all humankind and not Eve.

v. 4 Q. What does the serpent do with her reply?

A.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the divine word regarding the consequences of disobedience.
2. He tries to \_\_\_\_\_ her of her own immortality.

Q. What doctrine(s) are being challenged?

A.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (His holiness, His goodness/generosity)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word. (Veracity; can it be trusted?)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. (Judgment)
4. Personal \_\_\_\_\_. (potential)

v. 5 Q. What does the serpent convey in this verse?

A.

1. He has a greater \_\_\_\_\_ of God than Eve.
2. He creates a possibility of attaining a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge than they currently have.

Note: Earliest form of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He creates \_\_\_\_\_ toward God's motives.

v. 6a Q. What three things did the woman lean upon to rationalize her decision?

A.

1. Personal \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Personal \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Personal \_\_\_\_\_.

Note 1 John 2:16 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> "For all that is in the world, the lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (1 Jn. 2:16 KJV)

v. 6b Q What was the result?

A.

1. She took some and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he \_\_\_\_\_.

Q. What does this say about the smallest act of disobedience and the holiness of God?

A.

Q. What was the man's role in this? How does Romans 5:12 connect with this?

A. He failed to be the \_\_\_\_\_ in his home. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ his wife. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ himself. And because of his role and responsibility, God lays the entrance of sin into the world, not at Eve's feet, but his.

v. 7 Q. What happened as a result?

A. **1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of both were opened.**

Q. What does this mean?

A. It means that they did, indeed, receive new knowledge, both \_\_\_\_\_ (mentally) and \_\_\_\_\_.

Note the irony. "She saw...she saw...she saw." (3:6) But it somehow speaks to their innocence, their naivety, to a divinely \_\_\_\_\_, limited ability to truly see." For when they sinned, "their eyes were opened." (3:7) Cp. Proverbs 14:12

<sup>12</sup> "There is a way that appears to be \_\_\_\_\_, but in the end it leads to \_\_\_\_\_." (Prov. 14:12 NIV)

Q. What does this tell you about the schemes of Satan?

A. He will often mix \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ they were naked.**

Q. How did they not "know" they were naked?

A.

1. Per the Eastern Orthodox tradition, they may have been clothed with a divine \_\_\_\_\_. Cp. 2 Cor. 5:2-4; Lk. 9:28-30

2. Self-awareness is often not acquired until a \_\_\_\_\_ consciousness is constructed. Cp. Rom. 7:7

E.g., Little children running around naked/normal; worldview of "proper" (America versus African or South American tribal versus European cultures); marriage.

**3. They sewed \_\_\_\_\_ together to make coverings or aprons for themselves (genitalia).**

Q's. Why did Adam and Eve try and cover up? Why did Adam and Eve make a connection specifically between their guilt and their genitals? This was not a sexual sin.

A.

1.

2. There was a present \_\_\_\_\_ of being exposed that was not there prior. Cp. Gen. 3:10-11,

“...I was afraid because I was naked...” “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree...”

Note: It is interesting that from this point on, nakedness is not to be the \_\_\_\_\_ status of humanity. (Cp. 2 Cor. 5:2-3) Prior to, it was not only normal, but unconsciously \_\_\_\_\_ (not aware).

3. “It was here that the \_\_\_\_\_ of nakedness first suggested the need of covering not because the fruit had poisoned the fountain of human life and through some inherent quality had immediately \_\_\_\_\_ the reproductive powers of the body nor because any physical \_\_\_\_\_ ensued in consequence of the fall but because with the destruction of the normal \_\_\_\_\_ between soul and body through sin, the body \_\_\_\_\_ to be the pure abode of a spirit in fellowship with God

and in the purely natural state of the body the consciousness was produced not merely of the distinction of the sexes but still more of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh so that the man and woman stood \_\_\_\_\_ in each other's presence and endeavored to hide the disgrace of their \_\_\_\_\_ nakedness by covering those parts of the body through which the impurities of nature are removed.

That the natural feeling of \_\_\_\_\_, the origin of which is recorded here, had its root \_\_\_\_\_ in sensuality or in any physical corruption but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of guilt or shame before God and consequently that it

was the conscience which was really at work is evidence from the fact that the man and his wife hid themselves from Jehovah God among the trees of the garden as soon as they heard the sound of his footsteps.”

4. They may have realized the \_\_\_\_\_ consequences of their sin. That as they multiply, they will pass down the consequences of their sin to their progeny (children). And as a result, they tried to hide the sources of such \_\_\_\_\_ (genitals).
5. Theologically, we see humanity trying to cover up or cover over their sin. This is called “\_\_\_\_\_.” It is the first instance of humanity trying to care for the “sin problem” with their \_\_\_\_\_. This is the basis for all false religions and false ways of salvation.