

Study Questions

1. The opening scene introduces us to Satan, who is called “more crafty” than the other animals God has made.
 - a. Where does 3:1 draw our attention to begin this scene?

 - b. Who initiates the conversation and chooses the topic?

 - c. What else can we learn about Satan’s tactics from 3:1?

2. Satan begins by asking a question that is technically true.
 - a. What is it about this question that would plant seeds of doubt or discontentment in Eve?

 - b. What did Satan emphasize in the way he asked the question? What did he suggest?

 - c. What does Eve’s response tell you about her understanding of Satan’s question and openness to respond?

3. In 3:4, Satan speaks more boldly and directly about God denying the truthfulness of His Word and maligning His character.
 - a. Was there anything about the nature of the conversation that emboldened Satan to make this move?

 - b. Based on what we learned about Satan so far, what does Satan’s history tell us about how well he understood the temptation to be like God?

 - c. How can we still see the framework of this deception still at work in the hearts and minds of even those who claim to know and love Jesus?