

Simple Church Series Part 15

Unmasking the Devil's Lies John 8:44

*For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a **murderer from the beginning**. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him.*

*When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for **he is a liar** and the father of lies.* John 8:44

Satan's Motive and Method are given here → Motive **MURDER** Method **LIE**

Satan's Four Spiritual Flaws

Satan is a clever liar! The closer to the **Truth** a lie is, the more **Believable** and **Dangerous** it is!

Satan tells lies about the biggest subject → GOD!!

Satan would rather get you to think wrong about **God** than do any wrong in any area!

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat.

God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

Genesis 3:1-5

Flaw #1 Satan wants you to think **Negatively** about God

*"Did God **really say** you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"* Genesis 3:1

"You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—" Genesis 2:16

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires. Psalm 37:4

For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory.

The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. Psalm 84:11

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. I Timothy 6:17

Flaw #2 Satan wants you to think **Skeptically about God** *"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "**You won't die!**" the serpent replied to the woman.* Genesis 3:2-4

Battle over the Words of Gods today

Six Alternatives to God's Truth

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| >Relativism | truth is changing, truth by majority |
| >Subjectivism | what's true for you may not be true for me |
| >Empiricism | only truth is what we can measure or test or see |
| >Existentialism | experience truth, only truth in the Bible is "goose bumps" |
| >Rationalism | logic and man's mind is the judge of all |
| >Pragmatism | Don't ask if truth? just ask does it work? ends justify means TODAY |

Flaw #3 Satan wants you to think **Lightly** about God

*"**You won't die!**" the serpent replied to the woman.* Genesis 3:4

A Loving god would never send anyone to Hell. I don't believe in that hell and judgment stuff.

Hell full of people today who have believed this lie.

Flaw #4 Satan wants you to think **Suspiciously** about God

*"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and **you will be like God**, knowing both good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5*

God is holding you back! Keeping you down! Keeping you from reaching your potential!

You need to experience things yourself! YOU don't need some preacher telling you about the Bible

You can be GOD! It's an old lie → *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!..*

For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down ... Isaiah 14:12-15

HOW TO OVERCOME THE THREE SPIRITUAL FLAWS

*This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earthThen I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ **And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.***

Revelation 12:9-11

1. By the Blood of the Lamb *And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb...* Revelation 12:11

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Hebrews 2:14

2. Word of their Testimony Unashamed of Christ Power of a testimony

Tell Saved Tell Lost Tell God Tell the **devil!**

3. Complete Commitment *And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.*

Revelation 12:11