



sermon notes

The Belt of Truth  
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## WHAT ARE SATAN'S SCHEMES?

1. He creates \_\_\_\_\_ about the truth.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ God's clear statements.

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. Genesis 3:2–4 (NIV)

3. He communicates an \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth.

(Serpent speaking) "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:5 (NIV)

### Satan's two favorite lies:

- **Lie #1: You are missing out on something.**
- **Lie #2: You can be your own god.**

He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 (NIV)

Satan is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE DEVIL'S TRIPLE WHAMMY

• **Whammy #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:6–7 (NIV)

• **Whammy #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."*

Genesis 3:8–12 (NIV)

• **Whammy #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it."*

Genesis 3:16–17 (NLT)

**Satan's Strategy:**

**To whisper his thoughts in your ear  
and deceive you into thinking it is your idea.**

**Ephesians 6:10–14 (NIV)**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the BELT OF TRUTH buckled around your waist . . .*

**Satan's primary weapon is the LIE.  
Our primary defense is the TRUTH.**

**What is TRUTH?**

- Truth is reality.
- Truth is timeless.
- Truth is a person.

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

John 1:14,17 (NIV)

**SO HOW DOES THIS HELP ME?**

- Make time to get to know the \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ whether your thought or action is consistent with God's Word.