

Series: By Design

Sermon: The Lie of the Serpent

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7

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Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

1. The lie of the serpent (Genesis 3:1-7)

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV)

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

2. The Truth about God in Christ (Genesis 3:8-24; 1 John 4:8b-10)

Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:21 (ESV)

21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

1 John 4:8b-10 (ESV)

8b God is love.

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

“I was free to obey before I understood because of who Jesus is, and who he had shown himself to be for me. Anything he said to me was for my good, even if I couldn’t make out how. I could build my life on his goodness and love. I could echo the words the disciple Peter uttered as dozens of erstwhile followers abandoned Jesus because his teaching was so hard: that in this man I had come to believe and know the Holy One of God. He alone had the words of life (John 6:68-69). And that was enough, even with my remaining questions.” **(Rachel Gilson, *Born Again This Way*, 26)**

Psalm 43:4 (ESV)

4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.