

Genesis 3:1 5 -- "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the women, 'Indeed, has God said, "You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?" ' And the woman said to the Serpent, 'From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat from it or touch It, lest you die." ' And the Serpent said to the woman, 'You surely shall not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' "

d. Fourth, we have a response in the heart of the woman (self-initiated) to the external object of temptation, then an act of her will, and then the resultant external act of disobedience.

Genesis 3:6 -- "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 desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."

Note: The fact that this tree was "good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes" should not be made part of the evil enticement of the temptation (except in terms of Satan's perversion of a good thing), because in Genesis 2:9 we read: "And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." If God created the trees of the Garden to be pleasing to the eye and good for food, then these characteristics were not evil in themselves.

e. Fifth, we have the participation of Adam in this disobedience, following the same course -- inclination in the heart, self-determination, and external action.

Genesis 3:6 -- "and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."

f. Sixth, we have the immediate results of their sin:

- (1) spiritual death and moral depravity, as shown by their defiled conscience
- (2) the inception of the process of physical death, as shown by the statement that Adam (and Eve) would return to the dust of the ground
- (3) curses on the ground, on Satan, on Eve (in childbearing), and on Adam (In hard labor on the soil)

Genesis 3:7 19 -- Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the