

## **“Marriage and The Bible” How Satan Corrupted It Genesis 3:1-19**

**Introduction** - Why has marriage for so many become hard and difficult? *Answer*, the corruption of Satan! Satan is out to destroy your marriage. We move from Genesis 2, Adam and Eve living in paradise to Genesis 3, paradise lost.

Three reasons marriage is difficult!

### **I. The Corruption of Satan**, vv. 1-13

**1. Your marriage has an enemy**, vs. 1a, the serpent.

**2. Satan has a strategy**, vv. 1b-5.

- He comes with subtlety, vs. 1.
- He questioned God’s word, vs. 1.
- He denied God’s word, vs. 4.
- He wants you to doubt God’s goodness, vs. 5.

**3. Temptation has its categories**, vs. 6a.

- Lust of the flesh - “good for food”
- Lust of the eyes - “pleasant to the eyes”
- Pride of life - “make on wise”

**Illus.** - Satan tempted Jesus.

1. Stones to bread - Lust of the flesh
2. Showed Him Kingdoms - Lust of the eyes
3. Throw yourself down - Pride of life

Also:

1. Your passions.
2. Your possessions.
3. Your petitions.

So Satan is the Deceiver!

His target is your mind!

His weapon is your lies!

His purpose is to make you ignorant of God's will and disobedient to God's Word. So guard your mind! Your defense is the Word of God. Jesus used the Word with Satan.

#### **4. The Tragedy, vv. 6b-7.**

- Disobedience, vs. 6b
- Shame, vs. 7.

#### **5. The Discovery, vv. 8-13.**

- Sin separates us from God and man, vs. 8.
- God seeking, vs. 9.
- Fear and guilt, vs. 10.
- Blame shifting, vv. 11-13.

So Satan's corruption of marriage in the book of Genesis!

- Chp. 4, "Polygamy"
- Chp. 16, "Adultery"
- Chp. 19, "Homosexuality"
- Chp. 34, "Fornication"
- Chp. 38, "Incest & Prostitution"
- "Pornography"
- "Divorce"

## **II. The Curse of God, vv. 14-19.**

Three ways Satan attacks marriages as seen in Scripture.

### **1. He seeks to reverse the headship in the home.**

- "The husband is the head of the wife...." Eph. 5:23.
- Adam was created first..... Eve was deceived..... I Tim. 2:13-14.

### **2. He seeks to lead husband's and wives into sexual impurity.**

- I Cor. 7:5, "Satan tempt you for your lack of self-control."

### **3. He seeks to get the wife busy outside the home.**

- I Tim. 5:14-15, “I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.” For some are already turned aside after Satan.
- Ask yourself, “*Is outside the home more inviting and exciting than inside the home?*”
- Don’t let the Devil into your home!
- Eph. 6:12, “*For we wrestle not.....*”

Put on the armor with prayer!

### **III. The Characteristics of the Last Days, II Timothy 3:1-7**

- 1. Love of Self**, vs. 2.
- 2. Love of Money**, vs. 2 or “covetous”
- 3. Love of Pleasures more than lover’s of God**, vs. 4.

*In this universe there is God, and there are “people” and “things.” We should worship God, love people, and use things. But if we start worshiping ourselves, we will ignore God and start loving things and using people. This is the formula for a miserable life; yet it characterizes many people today. - Warren W. Weirsbe*

You ask, *there is there no answer to the problem?* Yes, there is. It’s a spiritual problem and God is the answer to your problem!

- 1. Ye must be Born Again! John 3**
- 2. Ye must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph. 5:18**
- 3. Ye must be obedient to God’s Word. Col. 3:16**