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## **Genesis 3:1-7**

We've all occasionally fallen for a lie, whether it was something as trivial as false advertising or as serious as a scam that emptied a bank account. Whatever the trickery was, it can be traced back to the Father of Lies—Satan (John 8:44). And his most devastating deceptions are those that lead us into sin. This is why it's vital to understand the devil's pattern of deceit, which goes all the way back to the garden of Eden.

Satan's first move was to entice Eve to doubt God's Word, and his strategy was to ask, by means of the snake, "Has God really said ...?" (Gen. 3:1). People have been falling for this deception ever since. When they hear one of God's clear commands, they rationalize that it's not really what He meant or it doesn't apply in their case.

Next, the devil directly contradicted God's Word and impugned His character by denying that Eve would suffer any consequences for sin. Instead, the enemy promised her some amazing benefits if she'd eat the fruit. And this, too, is how he operates today.

When temptation comes, don't believe Satan's lies. Sin always has repercussions. Therefore, ask yourself if the temporary gratification of a wrong choice is worth suffering the consequences that are sure to follow.

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