

GENESIS III.

“**A**ND he (Satan) said unto the woman, *Yea hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*”

And the woman said unto the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden : but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”

“And the serpent said unto the woman, *Ye shall not surely die : for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil.*”

Dear unsaved reader or hearer (for though a stranger to you and you to me, I call you “dear,” for you are precious in God’s sight), please notice what Satan said to the woman above. He put (and alas it got into her heart) two terrible falsehoods about God before her. “Ye shall not surely die,” or in other words God wont keep His word and punish sin if you do disobey Him. And then, “for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof ye shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil,” or, “God does not love you, does not really care for you, or He would not keep back that tree from you.”

He got her to believe God would not punish sin, and that God did not love, care for, man, or He would not have kept back that tree from them. No wonder then when Eve saw the fruit was pleasant