

"The Soul That Sinneth, It Shall Die.** The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My Statutes, and do that which is Lawful and Right, he shall surely Live, he shall not die." **Ezekiel 18:20-21 KJV

The Hebrew word "serpent" used in Genesis is "nâchâsh." (*naw-khawsh'*) It means "hisser" or "whisperer." Satan is a "divide and conquer" adversary. Scripture likens him to "a roaring lion." Lions roar to scare the game into the waiting jaws of other lions. Satan works much the same way. Like a magician, he uses sleight of hand. His favorite misdirection is your own body. He knows, full well, the irresistibility of sin to the carnal flesh. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." His best tool is your own lust. He hisses doubt into your mind like he did with Eve. He doesn't outright deny God's Word. First he questions It; "Hast God said?" he does so to determine the extent of your knowledge. Eve's answer was not



completely true, so Satan next lied coupled with a carnal appeal. "And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not surely die: (lie) 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.' And when the woman saw (saw who eating?) that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her." Eve compounded her sin by convincing her husband to join her. Satan enticed Eve with the fruit and enticed Adam with Eve. we're commanded to "flee youthful lusts." The time to get away from temptation is before it starts. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." The Hisser has studied man since Eden. Millennia have taught him well the failings of carnal flesh which he expertly uses to destroy many. The only defense against the Tempter is that taught us by our Saviour in the wilderness as He replied, "It Is Written;" God's Word. Eden taught us that there is more than one way to die. God told Adam, "The day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." Adam and Eve didn't die physically the day they ate the forbidden fruit, they died eternally as God Who Is Eternal Life Withdrew from them. "And the Life was the Light of men." He no longer Came To Walk And Talk with them, but Cast them out and Cursed them, because they believed the word of the Serpent, in essence, calling God a liar! Has Satan convinced you pleasure is preferable to piety? "Fun" is preferable to Faith? Lust is preferable to Love? Carnal pleasures are the highest plateau to which unregenerate man may ever hope to reach, but with God are "pleasures for evermore." Are the velvet chains of carnal desire holding you captive from the Perfect Everlasting Life And Love That Is God Himself? Have you preferred the Whisperer's tongue to the Word of God? Have you believed the lie that you're better off without faith?

Satan's lies will make you die,
You'll never live beyond the sky,
You'll never know the God on high,
As you, in torment, live for aye! –CGP

Has Satan convinced you God does not care about you? Sin will drive you to eternal separation from Jesus Christ! Two of my brothers forsook God and died an early death; the third is a prisoner of addiction. Sin takes you further than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and costs you more than you want to pay!

"Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto my feet, and A Light Unto my path." Psalms 119:105 KJV