

**Chosen to Love God**



Expected

Unexpected

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Let's look at the lives of  
Adam and Joseph

## Genesis 1: 27 - 28

So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

## Genesis 2: 19 - 20

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

# Adam was a peculiar human being

- He never had childhood
- He had heavenly father as his real father and had interaction
- He had no schema
- He didn't know what jealousy means
- He didn't have any lust or impure thoughts (They felt no shame)
- If there was a heaven on earth, Adam was living there
- He was the ruler and king for the entire creation

## Genesis 37: 23 – 24, 28

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

## Sold as a slave by his own brothers

## Genesis 39: 6 – 7, 10

6 So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, 7 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

## Daily temptation for sexual pleasure



## Genesis 39: 19 - 20

19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger.

20 Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

# Jailed for no wrongdoing

Adam vs Joseph

Whose life you think was  
easier to fall into sin?

## Adam

Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

## Joseph

Genesis 39:9

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

What excuses do we give for our sins today?

- Our circumstances
- Our childhood
- Our schema
- Our family/friends/enemies

1.

Our Love for God will  
keep us from sinning

## John 14:15

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments.

## 1 John 5: 3-4

In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

Do you love God?

Do you love God?, If yes

- You will not be living in sin/hiding
- You will not be bitter and blaming
- You will not be unforgiving
- You will obey and serve Him



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Let's look at couple of incidents from the Bible

1. The Fall

2. Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

# The Fall

## Genesis 3: 1-6

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?**”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

## Genesis 3: 1-6

4 **“You will not certainly die,”** the serpent said to the woman.

5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and **pleasing to the eye**, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

## Genesis 2: 16

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

# Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

## Luke 4: 1-9

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “**If you are the Son of God**, tell this stone to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

## Luke 4: 1-9

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.

## Manipulation:

- Did God really say?,
- ‘If you are the son of God’?



# The Ice Cream story



## Enticing

- When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye
- “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

# The Demo



But, through manipulation  
and enticing what Satan was  
really getting into?

## Main attack on our identity that is our relationship with God

- Genesis 3: 23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out...
- If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”
- If you worship me, it will all be yours.
- “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.

Satan wants to steal the most treasured possession which is our relationship with God.

2.

To protect our relationship with God  
we must resist temptation

## Conclusion:

### 1. Our love for God keeps us from sinning

To love God is to obey him. Our circumstances doesn't really have complete control on how we react to temptations and sins. It is our love for God that enables us to stay firm and right before God.

### 2. To protect our relationship with God we must resist temptation

Satan can manipulate us and lead us astray. His goal is not just to entice and lead us to sin which is a momentary pleasure. Rather weaken and destroy our relationship with God through our fall for eternity.



To God be the Glory!