

Bill Sanchez - The Serpent of Old

Brother Sanchez spoke on the spiritual battle that we are all engaged in – whether we like it or not. He warned against minimizing sin and encouraged individuals to desire God's Word and will above any temporal temptations. Brother Sanchez talked about the character of Satan that is shown in Genesis 3, examining how he operates and seeks to deceive and harm humanity. He emphasized the importance of understanding Satan's character and the need for vigilance against his tactics.

Outline

Spiritual battle and enemy's rebellion against God.

- The ongoing battle against spiritual forces of wickedness, and God's belief in our ability to win.
- God equips us with armor to stand against devil's schemes, and we can use it effectively with God's love and belief.
- The enemy was created good but rebelled against God, choosing to do evil.
- The enemy's rebellion as described in First John 3:8, Second Peter 2:4, Jude 6, and First Timothy 3:6

Satan's character and tactics in Genesis chapter three.

- Satan's character as seen in Genesis 3, highlighting his deception and desire to devour.
- Guard ourselves with God's armor to avoid falling for Satan's schemes.
- The goodness of God's creation, including the tree of knowledge of good and evil
- The serpent's deception in Genesis 3.

How the devil exploits both good and bad circumstances to tempt people into sin.

- Serpent exploits good and bad circumstances in life for sin.
- Dangers of blaming circumstances for sin.

Genesis 3, temptation, and doubt of God's good intentions.

- Devil appeals to Eve's physical, emotional, and intellectual desires.
- Serpent questions God's good intention, places doubt in Eve's mind.
- Devil's lies lead to disobedience, separation from God.
- The serpent uses half-truths to deceive, blending in some truth to make lies believable.
- The fall from grace results in spiritual death, separation from God's life source.

Deception and sin, with emphasis on the importance of listening to God's commands.

- Underestimating the seriousness of sin.
- The serpent in the Garden of Eden minimized the consequences of sin while maximizing its reward, leading to disastrous consequences.
- The serpent devalued God's word by suggesting to Eve that God's commands were not absolute.
- God's words are not suggestions, but absolute commands that must be obeyed.

Satan's deception in Genesis 3, focusing on the offer of knowledge of evil.

- The serpent in Genesis 3 offers Adam and Eve three things they already have (knowledge of good, image of God, and goodness from God) but only one thing they don't have - knowledge of evil.
- Sin entices with good offers that can't be kept, leaving the tempted person with fear, doubt, and loss of control.

Genesis 3 and the consequences of sin, with emphasis on Jesus' victory over the devil.

- The consequences of sin in Adam and Eve's life following the fall.
- God did not cause their fall, but rather allowed it to happen for a greater purpose.
- The devil is not all-powerful and has been defeated through Jesus' sacrifice.
- Psalm 19 is seen as a solution to Genesis 3, with the creation praising God's goodness and the law of the Lord being perfect.
- God's Word as source of restoration and eternal life.