

“Mother’s Day, 2006 Special”
SOLICITATION OF EVE

Satan uses cosmos diabolicus to solicit Eve in order to attack her faith in the word of God.

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.” (1 Tim.4:1)

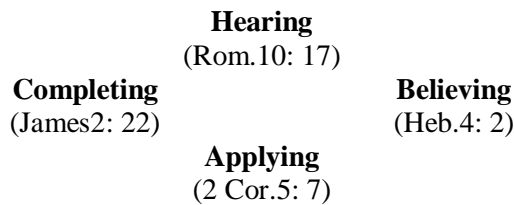
The third chapter of Genesis teaches that Satan uses solicitation of evil to get Eve and Adam to willfully sin against God - “In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.” (2 Cor.2:11)

This lesson will teach the spiritually advancing believer how to fight Satan and escape the snare of solicitation of cosmos diabolicus evil- “And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.” (2 Tim.2:26)

We will study FIVE aspects of the SOLICITATION OF EVE that took place during the period of innocence of Adam and Eve.

1. Satan used the crafty garden snake to attack the faith belief system of Eve through the solicitation of evil.

After studying the faith cycle, circle where you think Eve failed.



God has equipped by grace the spiritual advancing believer with the full armor of God (Eph.6: 10-17).
List them on the blank lines: _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____ and _____.

Write the one that you think Eve was not wearing. _____

What was the result? _____

“And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.”
(1 Tim.2: 14)

2. One of Satan’s strategies was to get Eve to engage in fantasy and to fix her wishful desires upon what was forbidden by God’s word. Whenever she acted upon it, she becomes her biggest enemy.

Fantasy of the divine forbidden creates **discontent** (1 John 2:15-17) - “But the one who does the will of God abides forever.” (2:17b)

Discontent leads to disorientation to grace and divine timing. Discontent over the way things are really translates to discontent with the Lord. It offers an excuse to doubt, departure, and the partaking of the forbidden. **This sets you up to solicitation of evil like Eve.**

3. Eve's cosmos diabolicus fantasy lusts can be described in three forms: lust of flesh, lust of eyes, and boastful pride (1 John 2:15-17).

Eve saw the forbidden tree as good for food (lust of the flesh), delight to eye (lust of the eye), and desirable to make wise (boastful pride of life). (1 John 2:16; Gen.3:6)

Notice that Eve began to see things that were not present (cosmos diabolicus fantasy). Eve's lust imagination began to run wild.

In psychology, this is associated with frustrated needs coming out in mental images associated with fantasy and wishful desires.

Eve's mind is being led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ - "But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." (2 Cor.11:3)

This mental process is necessary for Eve to justify her cosmos diabolicus desires that she knows are contrary to God's revealed will (desires for the unforbidden).

4. The four big cosmos diabolicus lies that Satan pushed with Eve were successful in solicitation to evil (John 8:44).

- § The 1st (CD) lie – you can be like God apart from God (Gen.3: 4-5).
- § The 2nd (CD) lie – you can control your destiny apart from God (Gen.3: 4-5).
- § The 3rd (CD) lie – there will not be any adverse consequences to disobeying God's word (2:17).
- § The 4th (CD) lie – you can acquire divine wisdom by disobeying God's word.

Satan's (CD) philosophy is that no one would serve God if he were truly free to do otherwise. He used it in court against Job (Job 1:8-12; 2:3-6).

Satan's (CD) philosophy is live for today because you surely won't die tomorrow (Gen.3: 4).

Satan's (CD) philosophy is also live for today because you will surely die tomorrow (1 Cor.15:32).

5. Satan attacked Eve's spiritual weakness in her faith cycle (2 Cor.5: 7).

The absence of her **shield of faith** wasn't there to protect her from the flaming missiles of the evil one (Eph.6:16).

Eve became preoccupied with the **restriction and forbidden** (legalistic approach to doctrine) rather than faith and obedience in the word of God (don't touch!). She allowed the restriction to become a stumbling block of frustration - "But they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish hearts was darkened." (Rom.1:24)

She surrender her **spiritual sword** to cosmos diabolicus fantasy regarding the forbidden of the word of God (Eph.6:17; Gen.3:6-7).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor.10:4-5)

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world – our faith." (1 John 5:4)

God bless spiritual mothers: "Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying, 'many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all.'" (Prov.31: 28-29)