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DAILY DEVOTION

THE ORIGINAL TEMPTATION

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GENESIS 3:1 NKJ 1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

The original temptation, still being used by the devil to keep people away from the blessings of God today, is to doubt that God's Word is truth and that God desires the best for us.

The devil's false idea is that God is holding out on us, keeping back something good that would make our life better and more enjoyable.

But God is not withholding anything good from us. When He gave us Jesus He gave us everything. Now it is our responsibility to learn how to receive what He has given us and use it for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

God's way is actually the very best for us. God's will for you is actually what you would also choose for yourself if you had all the information God has.

Just like a good parent, God does try to protect us from bad things -- which can sometimes seem good. But just because things look good and we think they will make us happy is no guarantee they will. God knows more than we do about what will make us safe, happy, and fulfilled.

We should trust God. At Calvary God proved He is not selfish. Jesus suffering and dying in our place should convince us that there is nothing

God will not do so we can be blessed.

The devil is a liar and a deceiver (John 8:44). Don't fall for his strategies to separate you from God and His blessings.

God cannot lie! He is dependable. God gave His Word to you so you could know the truth and be set free.

Believe that God desires the best for you, and is providing the best for you.

Don't be tempted to think you can be happier, richer, or more blessed by going your own way. You may need to learn to follow God's instructions more accurately, so you can walk in the fullness God desires for you, but there is no way to be blessed more than by following God's Word.

PRAYER: I received grace, not to doubt God's goodness or His love and I received power to overcome the temptations of the devil in Jesus name.