

A wooden cross stands on a rocky outcrop. A dark, textured shield with a gold border and a gold cross on it leans against the base of the cross. The background is a dramatic, cloudy sky with a purple and blue gradient.

Rebellion on Earth

Genesis 2-3:1

Eden



- God placed man in a beautiful garden to enjoy and rejoice in his God-given freewill.
- Man's privilege was dependent on him also respecting God's will.
- Man only had to abstain from taking fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- This tree was not for the maintenance of human life or for sensual pleasure.
- Taking the fruit in disobedience would destroy man:
 - It estranged man from his Creator.
 - Man was condemned to continue in a state of disobedience.

Satan's Lie



- The wisdom of this earth is demonic and unspiritual.
- Satan's lie is that God is not trustworthy or worthy of worship, but Satan is mankind's true benefactor and his values are the ones that make sense.
- Satan set out to foster a spirit of pride and independence in man.
- Once Eve departed from the foundation of the Word of God and began to argue with Satan using her own wisdom and intelligence, she was vulnerable to the lie.

Rationalization

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a misty, dark landscape. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible. The background is a soft, hazy purple and blue, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

- If man could indulge in forbidden fruit without consequences, that would make Satan's advice an attractive option.
- Self-serving rationalization has always been an effective ally of disobedience.
- God's truthfulness and the truth of God's love were subjected to Satanic attack and man fell for the lie.
- In believing the lie, man was instantly cut off from the source of all truth.
- Adam and Eve's decision to follow Satan's advice implied that God was really no better, if not worse, than Satan himself.

The Lie



- Ever since his success in the Garden of Eden, Satan has played on man's pride and has nurtured his sinful desire for independence from God.
- Ignorance of the truth is the preferred state of unregenerate mankind.
- Finding the answer to life within us and within what we can achieve, all began with Satan's smooth talk and lies in the garden of Eden.
- It's the same lie from Eden:
 - That God is not worthy of worship.
 - That we can be independent of God.
 - That we can be our own gods - responsible for our own destinies.

Conclusion



- Sin will always seek to dethrone God.
- Man is no lover of the truth.
- It's not that man can't believe; it's because he doesn't want to believe.
- Satan has done a great job of turning man against his Creator.
- But Satan has a very real problem; the prophecy of the woman's seed that must have been constantly ringing in his ears!