



TRUTH COMES FROM GOD

Genesis 2-3

**BIBLE PASSAGE: SATAN TEMPTED
ADAM AND EVE**

**TODAY'S POINT: TRUTH
COMES FROM GOD**

All your words are true;
all your righteous laws are eternal.
Psalm 119:160



PHRASES CHRISTIANS

LIKE TO SAY THAT AREN'T

BIBLICAL

THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT.

JAMES 1:14 SAYS, "EACH ONE IS
TEMPTED WHEN, BY HIS OWN EVIL
DESIRE, HE IS DRAGGED AWAY AND
ENTICED."

**THE TEMPTATION WAS TOO STRONG. I
COULDN'T RESIST IT.**

FIRST CORINTHIANS 10:13 *“NO TEMPTATION HAS
SEIZED YOU EXCEPT WHAT IS COMMON TO MAN. AND
GOD IS FAITHFUL; HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED
BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR. BUT WHEN YOU ARE
TEMPTED, HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A WAY OUT SO
THAT YOU CAN STAND UP UNDER IT.”*

WE'RE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE LED BY
THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE
CHILDREN OF GOD. ROMANS

8:14

GOD DOES HAVE FAVORITES.

ACTS 10:34

34 THEN PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK:

“NOW I REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT

GOD DOESN'T SHOW FAVORITISM,

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO

HELP THEMSELVES.

I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

HEAVEN MUST HAVE NEEDED

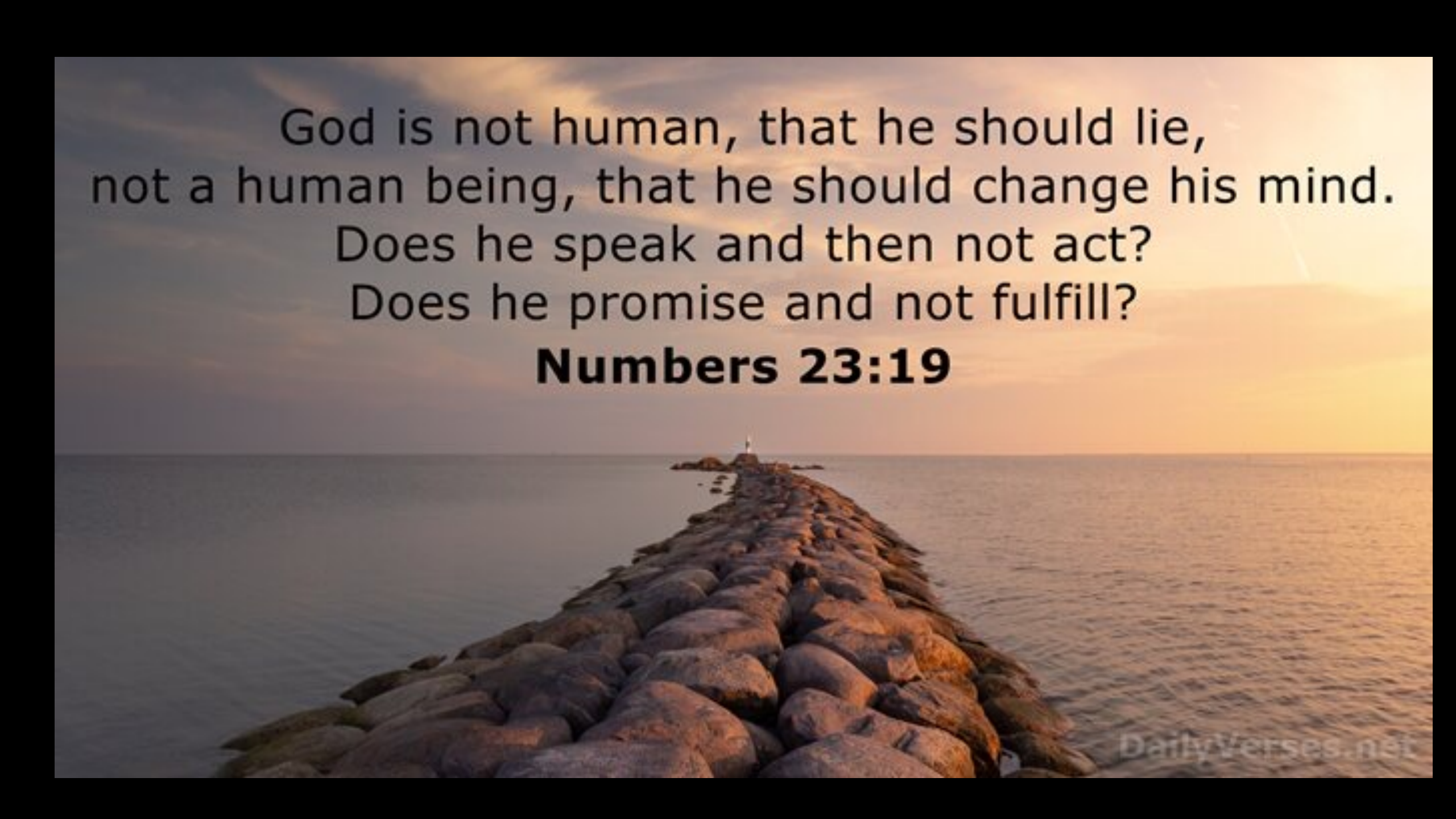
ANOTHER ANGEL.

²⁵ NEITHER IS HE SERVED BY HUMAN HANDS, AS

THOUGH HE NEEDED ANYTHING, SINCE HE

HIMSELF GIVES EVERYONE LIFE AND BREATH AND

ALL THINGS. ACTS 17:25

A long, narrow pier made of large, rounded stones extends from the foreground into the ocean. The sky is a mix of soft orange and pale blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water is calm with gentle ripples. In the distance, a small white structure is visible on the pier.

God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.

Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

Numbers 23:19



The Word of God is the anvil
upon which the opinions of men
are smashed.

~ Charles Spurgeon



There is nothing that will keep a person from Christ like a good opinion of himself.

~ Charles Spurgeon

GENESIS 2:15-17

15 THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PLACED HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK IT AND WATCH OVER IT.

16 AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, "YOU ARE FREE TO EAT FROM ANY TREE OF THE GARDEN, 17 BUT YOU MUST NOT EAT FROM THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, FOR ON THE DAY YOU EAT FROM IT, YOU WILL CERTAINLY DIE."

Death

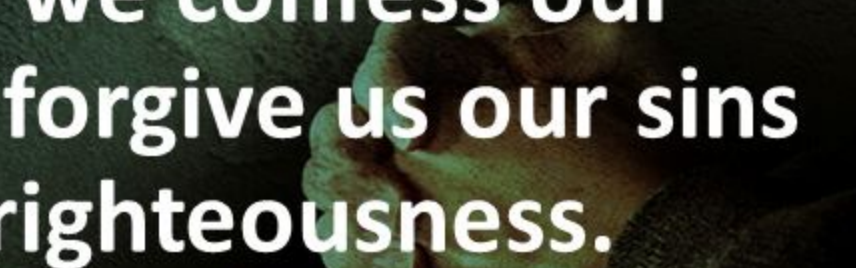
Webster's dictionary defines death as "*a permanent cessation of all vital functions; the end of life.*" Though it is often associated with extinction, death in the Bible never means the end of existence. Instead, it means separation from or the inability to function in a particular realm. Seven deaths are described in the Word:

- 1. Spiritual death** is separation from God. As a result of the Fall, all human beings are born spiritually dead, captives of "*the domain of darkness*" (Gen. 2:17; Col. 1:13; Rom. 6:23).

**2. TEMPORAL DEATH IS CARNALITY,
SEPARATION FROM FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.
EVERY TIME WE AS CHRISTIANS GIVE IN TO
TEMPTATION TO SIN, WE ENTER TEMPORAL
DEATH (JAMES 1:15; ROM. 8:2, 6, 13; 1
TIM. 5:6)**

1 John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

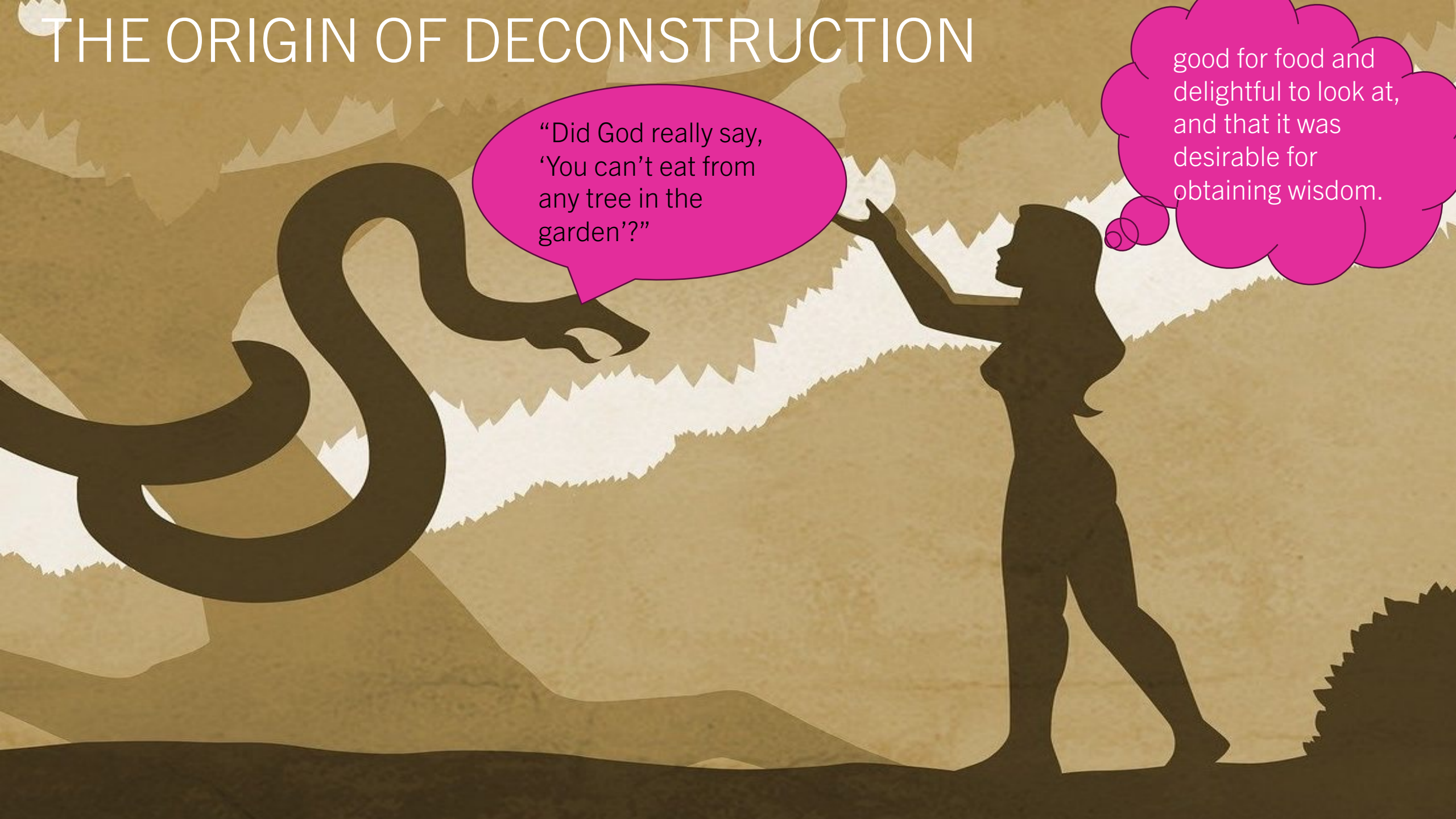
A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open book. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light highlighting the hands and the pages of the book. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a book cover.



“And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked”**

Ephesians 2:1-2

THE ORIGIN OF DECONSTRUCTION

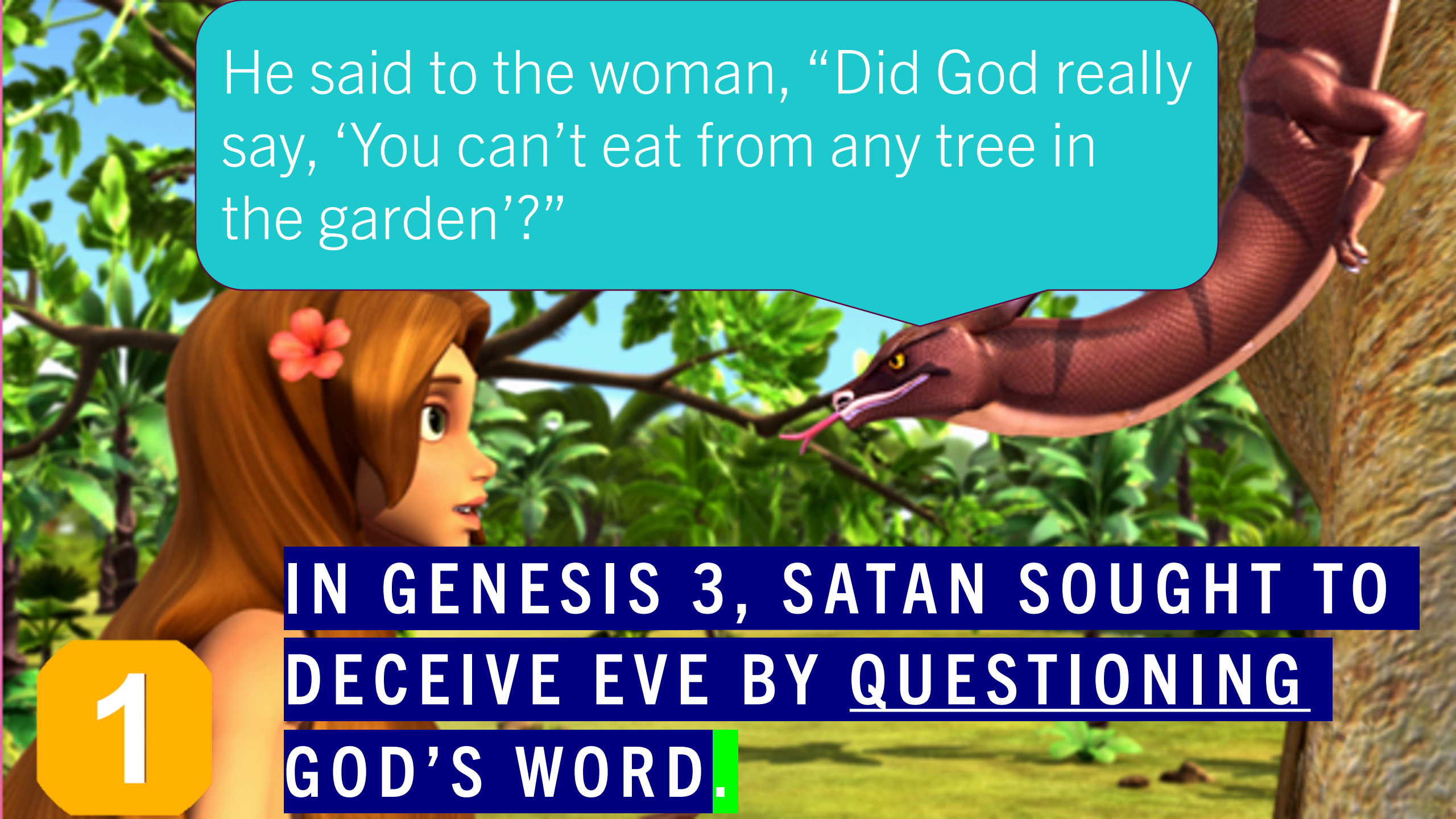


“Did God really say,
‘You can’t eat from
any tree in the
garden’?”

good for food and
delightful to look at,
and that it was
desirable for
obtaining wisdom.

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Indeed, has God said, “You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?”’” Gen. 3:1

IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, SATAN IS WORKING THROUGH THIS CREATURE. HE APPROACHES THE WOMAN BY IMPLYING THAT GOD IS KEEPING SOMETHING FROM HER AND IS, THEREFORE, NOT A GOOD GOD.



He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”

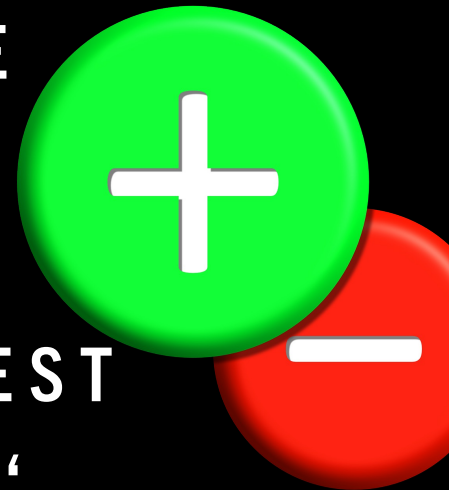
**IN GENESIS 3, SATAN SOUGHT TO
DECEIVE EVE BY QUESTIONING
GOD’S WORD.**

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“The woman said to the serpent, ‘From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said “You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.”’” Gen. 3:2–3

1. **SHE EXAGGERATES THE PROHIBITION:** GOD NEVER SAID THEY COULD NOT TOUCH THE TREE OR THE FRUIT.

2. **SHE MINIMIZES THE PENALTY BY SAYING,** ‘LEST YOU DIE’, WHEN GOD HAD EMPHATICALLY SAID ‘... YOU WILL CERTAINLY DIE’.





3, THE WOMAN MINIMIZES THE PRIVILEGES THEY ENJOY. SHE SAYS, 'WE MAY EAT', BUT GOD HAD DECLARED, 'YOU MAY EAT FREELY ...'!

All in all, the woman distorts and mistreats the Word of God.

ARE YOU
DISTORTING
THE TRUTH?



4 “No! You will not die,” the serpent said to the woman.

Gen. 3:4

**SATAN MOVES FROM QUESTIONING GOD'S
WORD TO DENYING IT.**



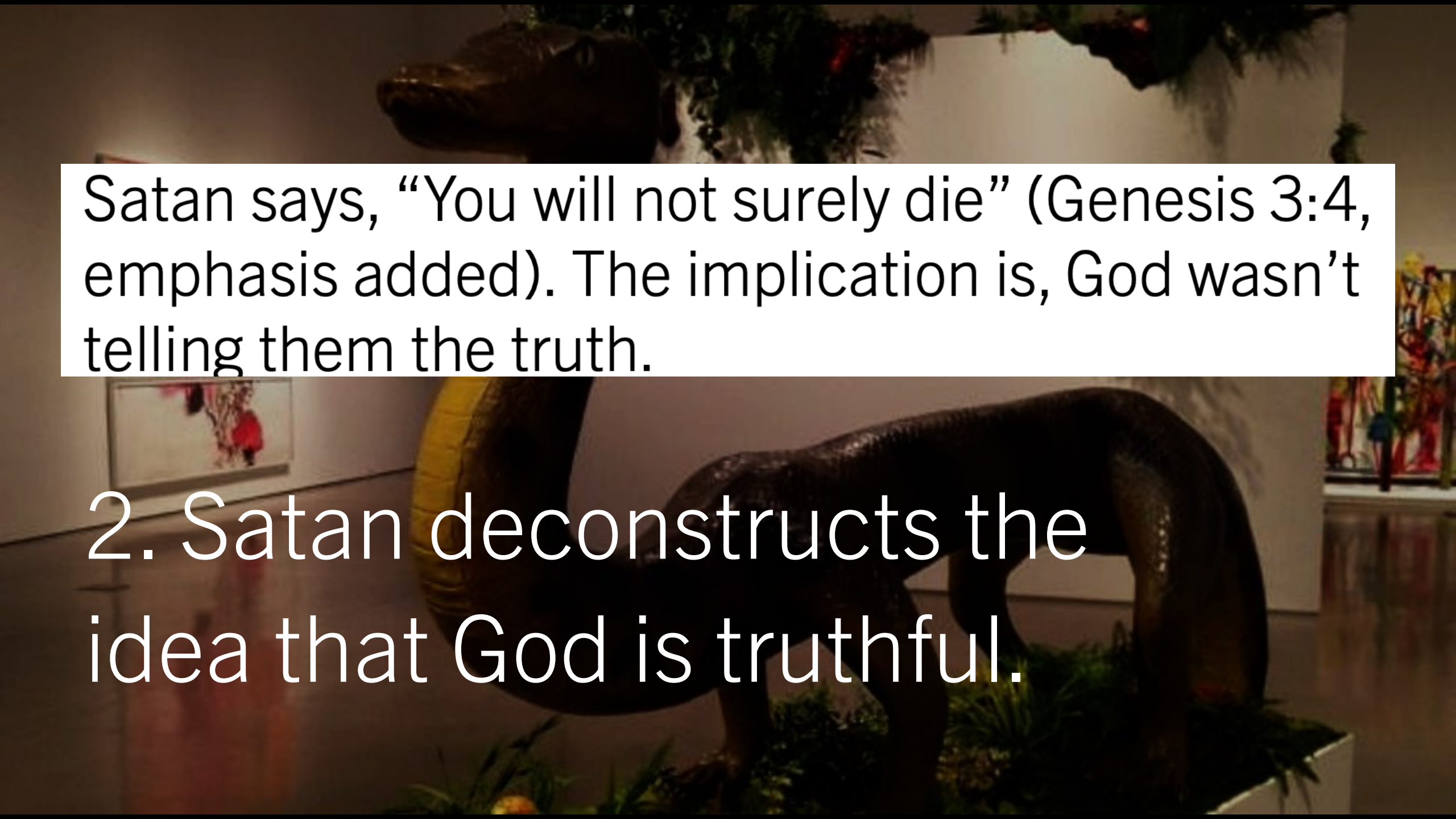


3. Satan deconstructs who God is.

“In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Gen. 3:5

44 You are of your father the Devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of liars. John 8:44

1. SATAN INSINUATES THAT GOD IS NOT LOVING



Satan says, “You will not surely die” (Genesis 3:4, emphasis added). The implication is, God wasn’t telling them the truth.

2. Satan deconstructs the idea that God is truthful.

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deconstructs the
idea that God is
sufficient.



They think they
need to be their
own gods. This
implies that
God is not
enough for
them.

**BOTH ADAM AND EVE ARE RESPONSIBLE
EVE WAS DECEIVED, ADAM WILLFULLY DISOBEYED**

First, she 'saw' that the tree 'was good'

Secondly, she sees the tree as 'delightful to the eyes'

Thirdly, the tree is 'desirable' because it supposedly can provide discernment and wisdom.

And the eyes of the two of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed together figleaves, and they made for themselves loin-coverings

1 John 2:15-17

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

SEE THE PARALLEL?

1. It was good for food (lust of the flesh);
2. It was a delight to the eyes (lust of sight);
3. It was desirable to make one wise (lust of pride).

All men have to deal with three kinds of sin:

Imputed sin is the sin of Adam placed to the account of every one of his offspring (Rom. 5:12). Because of imputed sin, every member of the human race is born spiritually dead and under condemnation (John 3:17).

Inherent sin is the sin nature every human being inherits from his parents (John 3:6; Gal. 5:17). Our areas of natural weaknesses and natural strengths—like our physical characteristics—are combinations of the tendencies of our parents. Sin natures are as individual as fingerprints—no two are exactly alike.

Personal sin is the result of choices we make and is the outward evidence that everyone has a sin nature (Rom. 3:23). Personal sin is what is usually referred to as “sins” in the Bible. Sins fall into three categories: mental (thoughts), verbal (words), and overt (actions).



THEY INHERENTLY KNOW THAT THE COVERINGS THEY HAVE MADE ARE NOT ENOUGH, AND SO ADAM AND EVE ARE AFRAID AND TRY TO HIDE FROM GOD IN GENESIS 3:9, THE LORD GOD CALLS FOR THEM. HE KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE. WHAT HE WANTS FROM THEM IS A SIMPLE CONFESSION, AN ADMISSION THAT THEY KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

BLAME GAME

- The man's response is a weak confession. He blames both God and the woman for his circumstances, as if he himself were merely a passive agent.

CURSES/CONSEQUENCES

Serpent-3:14-15

Only the serpent is cursed

And Yahweh God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this thing, cursed are you more than all the cattle and more than every living creature of the field; upon your belly you will go, and dust you will eat, all the days of your life.'

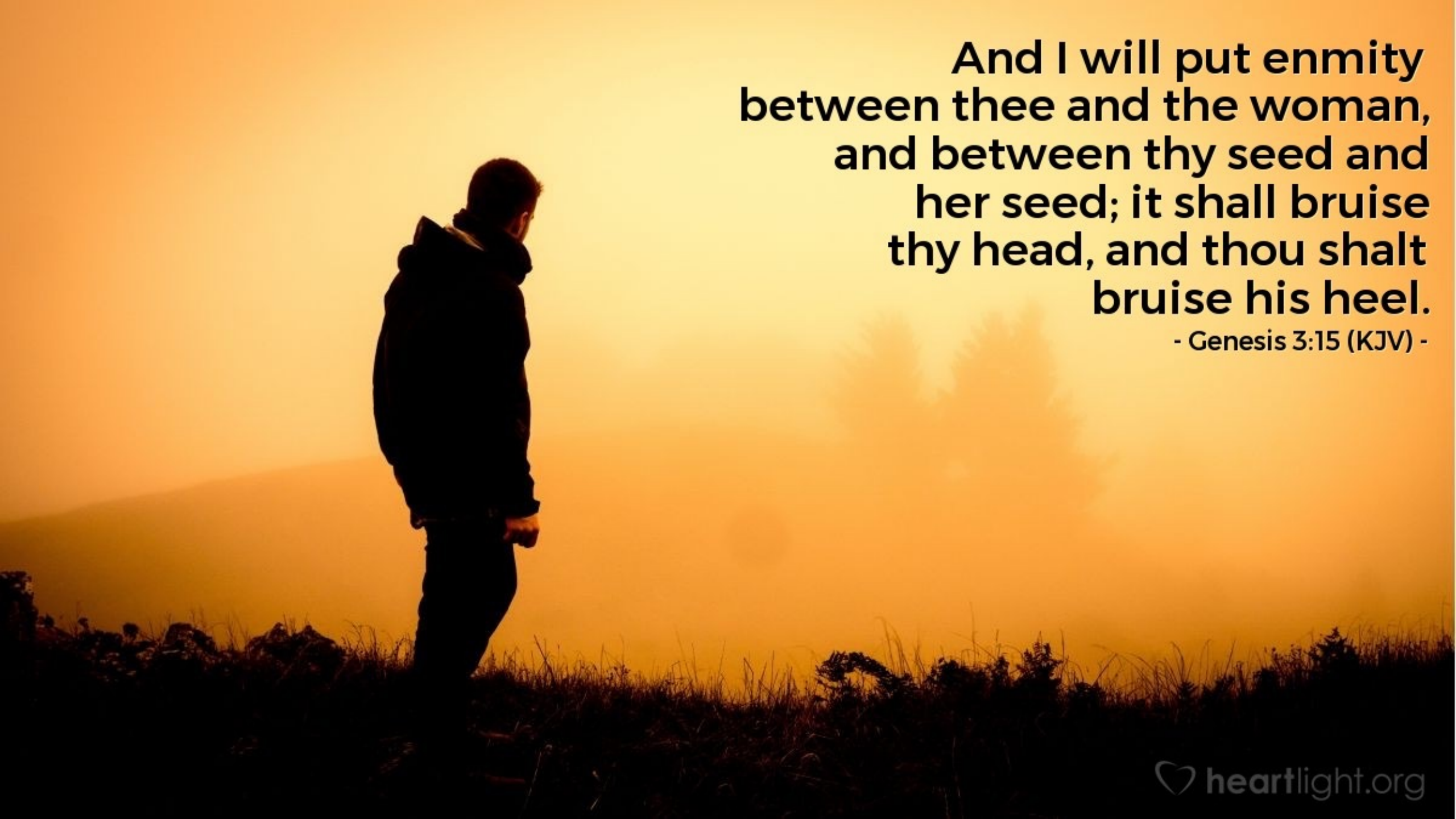
'And I will put enmity between you and the woman; and between your seed and her seed; and he will crush you [on the] head, and you will crush him [on the] heel.'

Adam-17-19

The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow until you return to the ground, since you were taken from it. For you are dust, and you will return to dust."

Eve- 3:16

16 He said to the woman: I will intensify your labor pains; you will bear children in anguish. Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will rule over you.



**And I will put enmity
between thee and the woman,
and between thy seed and
her seed; it shall bruise
thy head, and thou shalt
bruise his heel.**

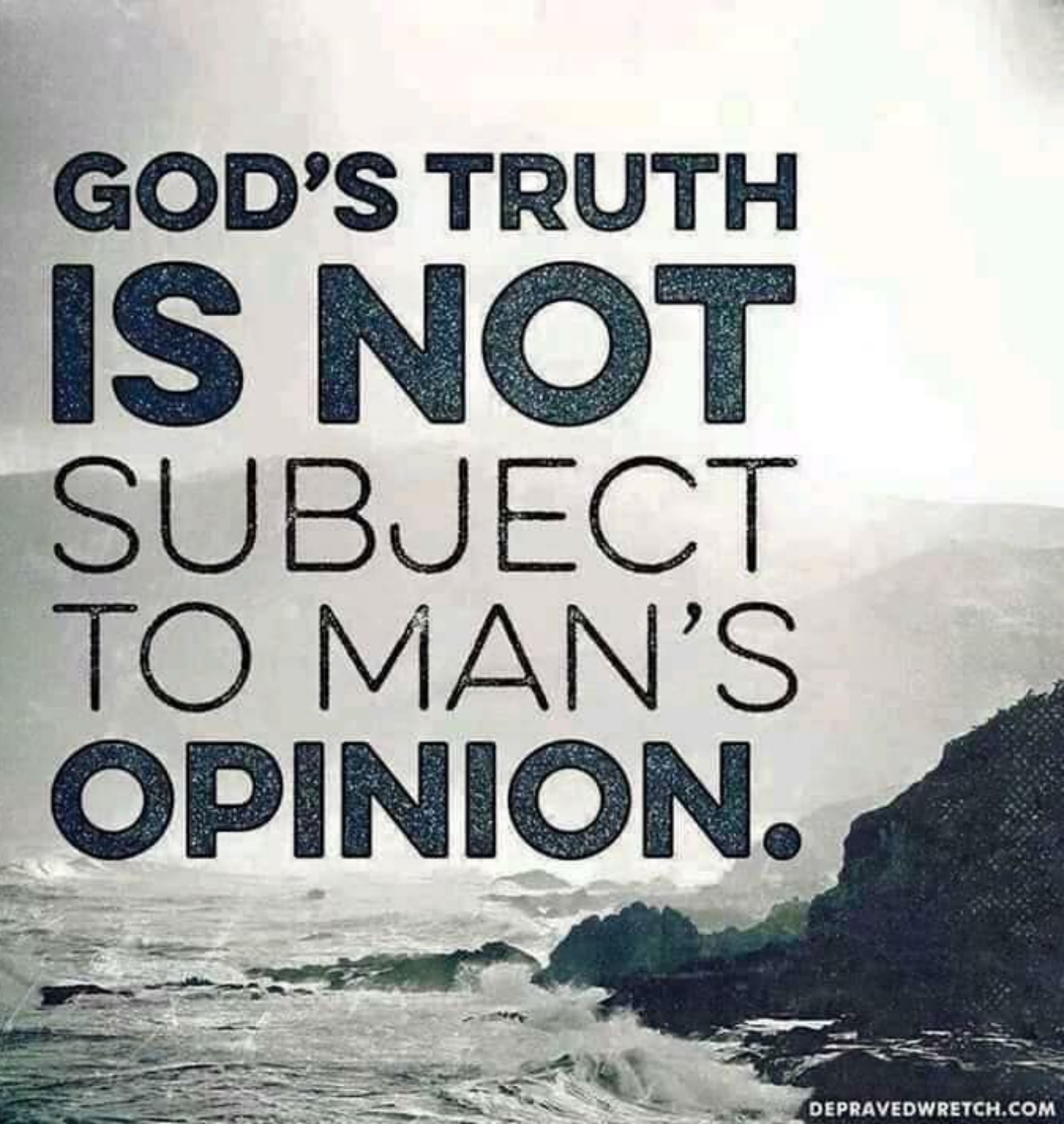
- Genesis 3:15 (KJV) -

GOD'S TRUTH PREVAILED

- 3:24. Thus he drove the man out. And he set at the east of the Garden of Eden the cherubim and the flame of the sword, constantly turning, to guard the way of the tree of life.

TRUST
IN THE LORD
WITH **ALL** YOUR **HEART**
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING;
IN **ALL** YOUR **WAYS**
ACKNOWLEDGE
HIM, AND HE SHALL
DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:5-6



GOD'S TRUTH
IS NOT
SUBJECT
TO MAN'S
OPINION.