

## “Yea”

⇒ **Text:** Genesis 3:1

⇒ **Intro:**

- o Notice with me that the first word that the devil speaks in the scriptures is “Yea” or “”Yes” in his temptation of Eve.
- o What can we learn from this?
  - Temptation to sin and sin itself is always going to be presented by the devil as “positive.”
  - The devil will never, ever show you the negative side of sin.
  - He will only present the positive side.
- o This morning from the scriptures I want us to look at some examples of the devil’s positive presentation of sin.

⇒ **I. David and Bathsheba**

- o **See 2 Samuel 11:1-5**
  - Notice v. 2, the word “beautiful”
  - “Beautiful” is a positive word is it not?
- o You see my friend the devil will never show you the ugly side of the sin.
  - The fact that “the wages of sin is death”
  - The fact that “whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”
  - The fact that “A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.”

⇒ **II. Achan**

o **See Joshua 7:19-21**

- Notice v. 21, “goodly”
  - “goodly” is a positive word
- o The devil will never show you the bad side of sin.
- The fact that Israel would lose the battle at Ai.
  - The fact that Achan and his family would be stoned to death.

⇒ **III. Lot**

o **See Genesis 13:5-13**

- Notice v. 10 “well watered”
- “well” is a positive word.

o Another word for “well” is “favorable”

- Lot looked at the plains of Jordan and saw the favorable conditions of the land.
- He did not care it was in the direction of Sodom and Gomorrah

o The devil will never show you the unfavorable side of sin.

- The fact that Lot would end up back slide and living in the land of homosexuality was rampant.
- The fact that he would lose his married daughters and his wife.
- The fact that he would end up in a cave drunk and committing incest with his two single daughters.

⇒ **IV. Eve**

o **See Genesis 3:1-7**

- Notice v. 6.

- **“good” – positive**
- **“pleasant” – positive**
- **“wise” – positive**
- o You see my friend the devil will always present sin as
  - Something **“good”** for you,
  - Something that you will enjoy (**pleasant**)
  - The smart choice (**wise**)
- o The devil will never show you the negative side of sin.
- o The fact that “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

⇒ **V. Some Other Comments**

- o The devil will always present the things of God in a negative light and sin’s way is a positive light.
- o How do you think the devil got the Holy Bible, prayer, and the ten commandments thrown out of our public schools?
- o Because he presented it this way –
  - 1) It will be for the **good** of the country because not everyone believes the same way.
    - It will show us to be a country that is tolerant and accepting of other beliefs.
  - 2) It will make our schools a more **pleasant** environment because non-Christians won’t feel like they are being discriminated against.

- It will promote an atmosphere of unity.
- 3) It is the **wise** thing to do.
  - It is the smart thing to do.
  - After all that is what the psychologists tell us and they certainly know more than we do.
  - They must be right because they have a PhD.
- o You can take Satan's positive presentation of sin and see how he has used it to destroy the moral fiber of our nation.
- o Just look what it has produced
  - Abortion (murder) Negative vs. Woman's Right to choice – Positive
  - Divorce – Negative vs. Extra marital affair – Positive
  - Sodomy (queers) – Negative vs. Alternative Lifestyle – Positive
- o My friend the devil hasn't change a bit.
  - He still uses the same approach on you and me.
  - The Power of Positive Thinking – Sin is positive.
- o That is why we see for example –
  - Believers marrying non-believers
  - Women preachers and women run churches
  - Speaking in tongues
  - Churches no longer taking a stand on the AV1611, (after all the wise or intellectual thing is used one of the modern versions.)
  - Christian women dressing like harlots and Christian men like pimps
  - Pastors falling to adultery

- Single Christians living in sin.
  - No more preaching against sin.
  - Worldly music in the churches in the guise of CCM.
  - o We have seen examples in the scripture of people who fell for Satan's positive presentation of sin.
    - However, praise God! we have examples of those who didn't.
- ⇒ Joseph who was tempted by Potiphar's wife to lie with her.
- o **See Genesis 39:7-13**
    - Notice Joseph's response to Satan's presentation in v. 9.
      - **“how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”**
- ⇒ Daniel when he was tempted to eat of the heathen king's meat and drink of his wine.
- o **See Daniel response Daniel 1:8.**
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
- o You see my friend God needs men and women who when the devil tempts them with the positive side of sin they will cry out as Joseph did, **“how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”** and flee the temptation
  - o God needs men and women who are purposed in their heart, determined like Daniel not to defile themselves with the things of this world.
  - o I challenge you today!

- Will you be a Christian who is purposed in their heart to live for the Lord?
- Will you be a Christian who sees sin as God sees it as “great wickedness” – negative?
- Will you be a Christian who when tempted will flee and get yourself out?