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Genesis 3:1 ^{NIV}

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”



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Genesis 3:4-5 ^{NIV}

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



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Jeremiah 2:13 ^{NIV}

“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”



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Revelation 12:9 ^{NIV}

The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.



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Ephesians 6:10-12 ^{NIV}

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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making it unfruitful.



“The negotiation between product and consumer is ultimately predicated on the fact that the desire for consumption never seems to be met by the act of possession. The consumer society really does present persons whose being is in their becoming, constantly looking to that next thing that will bring about that elusive personal wholeness.”

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1 Peter 5:8a; 9 ^{NIV}

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Colossians 2:13-15 ^{NIV}

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

“The cross is the place where the decisive battle between Christ and sin took place, where the powers of Satan brought all their strength to the attack, and where they were defeated. It is the place where the wages of sin were accepted on behalf of the whole human race.”

- **Lesslie Newbigin**, *Sin and Salvation*