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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 19

MANY FIRST SIN.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 3:6-13; 4:8-15. Golden Text—Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. James 1:14.

There are four natural divisions to this chapter as follows: I. The Temptation, vs. 1-5. II. The Fall, vs. 6, 7. III. The Trial, vs. 8-13. IV. The Sentence, vs. 14-24.

I. The Temptation, vs. 1-5. He who tempted mankind did not disguise his purpose in the garden of Eden. Long after the creation of man this subtle adversary of God and man was on the watch to destroy the work of God. Was it a real serpent? Why not? He did Adam and Eve in the garden. The stretch of imagination to believe the tradition that Satan was with them till driven from the garden. Then His fall was not instantaneous as that of Lucifer, yet it often had desperate audacity. Rev. 12:9. It is also taught that Satan can assume disguises. 2 Cor. 11:14, etc.

The point of attack was to question the word of God. He is always the open doorway to all sin. Notice the things always to be considered in this conduct. God had forbidden to eat of the tree, therefore evil; but here Satan takes the opposite ground and says, Ye shall not eat of the fruit of all the trees. Then he proceeds to tell what Jesus did when he was tempted. Nothing will be accepted of God but 2. But though he uses thoroughly Satan's methods, he does not change the ordinal attitude of perfect trusting that was in the beginning. He is a step further. It is not doubt which he used to be guilty of, but a positive or prevent her becoming like herself, hence the prohibition to be partaker of the fruit of the tree.

Eve's Mistake.

"Your eyes shall be opened" the woman was deceived. Satan entirely and a most subtle one. He knew that knowledge is power. Jesus recognized sources of knowledge, and He came for sake of adding to God's word; it was said of Moses, "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." Satan was but the serpent was the most subtle of all the beasts of the field. Eve did not know to be deceived, and then she was.

Adam's Fault.

Adam's fault was that he listened to his wife's voice against God's command. desire for a present enjoyment, he was afraid of the consequences. He was afraid of a future displeasure of God. He feared God's wrath. Instead of trusting God, he sinned. He put his own judgment against God's. He made himself equal with God. He became a law unto himself. He was no longer subject to God. He was no longer under the control of God. He was no longer in the image of God. He was no longer in the likeness of God. He was no longer in the glory of God. He was no longer in the presence of God. He was no longer in the fellowship of God. He was no longer in the love of God. He was no longer in the life of God. He was no longer in the power of God. He was no longer in the peace of God. He was no longer in the joy of God. He was no longer in the hope