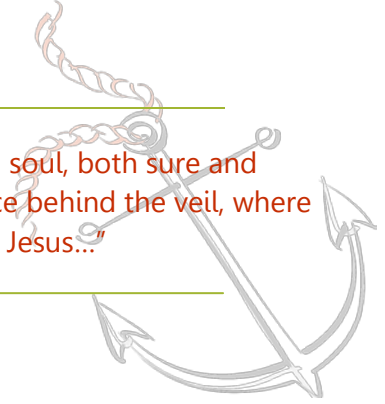




## Hebrews 6:19, 20

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus..."



## Understanding Temptation

### Intro:

1. Genesis 3:6, "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."
2. "Why do men sin?" Answer: "By yielding to temptation." Then, "Why do men yield to temptation?"

### Discussion:

- I. YIELDING TO TEMPTATION SPRINGS FROM WHAT IS INSIDE OF MAN.**
  - A. Does not come from God. He tempts no one with evil (Jas. 1:13).
  - B. Being drawn away and enticed by our own desires (Jas. 1:14).
    1. The love of truth is absent (2 Thess. 2:10).
    2. The pleasure in unrighteousness is present (2 Thess. 2:12).
- II. THE LUST OF THE FLESH (1 Jn. 2:16).**
  - A. Eve saw that the tree was good for food. She desired the food!
  - B. Proper attitude is to become fed up with sin. "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles..." (1 Pet. 4:2, 3).
- III. THE LUST OF THE EYES (1 Jn. 2:16).**
  - A. Eve saw that the fruit was pleasant to her eyes.
  - B. "Do not look on the wine when it is red" (Prov. 23:31; cf. Job 31:1).
- IV. THE PRIDE OF LIFE (1 Jn. 2:16)**
  - A. Eve saw the tree as desirable to make one wise.
  - B. "And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know" (1 Cor. 8:2; cf. Rom. 12:16)

### Conclusion:

1. Sin is a choice, not an unavoidable cliff.
2. What resides in our hearts often provide the greatest snare to be tempted.



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