SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

07.02.16

Theme: Steps to the Fall

Memory verse: Job chapter thirty-one verse one: "1 made a covenant with my Eyes: why then should 1 think upon a maid?"

Texts: Genesis 3:1-6, Joshua 7: 20- 21, 2 Samuel 11:1-4.

The serpent started the conservation with a question to create doubts. "Yea hath God said . . . ?". This then proceeded to misquote God's original command and of-course misrepresents God as being unfair. He did this to question the goodness of God and the necessity of obedience to God's instructions.

1. The woman exposed herself to danger by entering into a conversation with the devil. It is Satan's strategy to create doubts in the minds of believers concerning the scriptures. He does this by presenting half-truths and lopsided ideas and illustrations in a bid to cause disaffection towards God. The Bible enjoins us to give no place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27).

2. She gave thought to the evil suggestion of the tempter. By pondering over the suggestion of the devil, she allowed the thought to take root. We should take advice from Hebrew chapter three verses twelve.

3. She focused her attention on the object of temptation, thereby allowing the tempter to deceive her by the glitter and glamour of sin. Let us take heed to Job's advice in our memory verse.

4. She stayed near the object of temptation. Going to places of temptation gives the devil an easy platform to tempt us.

5. She failed to consult her husband. Self-will and self-management make it easier for the tempter to make us victims.

6. She transgressed by eating the forbidden fruit and gave also to her husband. She, therefore, became a co-tempter with the devil. Instead of knowledge of good and evil, they got shame and rejection.

May these six steps be in our hearts from today so that we will be victorious believers in Jesus name, Amen!!!