

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

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Theme: Sources of Temptation

Memory verse: *First Chronicles chapter twenty one verse one: "And Satan stood Up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel"*

Texts: Genesis 3:1, James 1:13 - 15.

Satan is the chief source of every temptation. His aim is to make believers forget God, forsake His ways and forfeit eternal life. The devil has been envious of the privileges of man and always seeks to rob him of such. Temptations are suggestions from the devil to disobey God, enticement to commit sin or to depart from the part of obedience. The tempter has at his disposal a wide range of tools that he uses with malicious cleverness in leading souls astray.

In our previous lessons, we learnt that he used serpent to deceive Eve and later used Eve to deceive Adam. He can use anybody -a spouse, a maid, a parent, a child, a co-worker, a neighbour and even a church member. Worse still, one's desires, passions, appetites, ambitions, aspirations for even legitimate things could become ready avenues in the hands of the devil.

The serpent enticed Eve from three ways: First, Eve's physiological hunger (for the tree was good for food), her appetite (for it was pleasant to the eyes) and her desire for wisdom and power (for it could make her wise). "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her and he did eat" (Gen 3:6)

Let us therefore, learn a great lesson from this study and ask God to give us the grace to resist the devil and he will flee in Jesus name, Amen!