

A TALE OF TWO TEMPTATIONS

A Tale of Two Temptations: Part I
Genesis 3:1-24 (*Pew Bible pp.3-4*)
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Notes

1) To Be Like God: Genesis 3:1-5

2) Eyes Are Opened: Genesis 3:6-13

3) Seeing Clearly: Genesis 3:14-24

4) Weekday Application Questions

a) **EQUIP:** Reread Genesis 3 closely. Where do you see yourself reflected in this story? Where are you tempted to be your own god instead of submitting to God?

b) **ENGAGE:** We live in a culture full of people desperately trying to define their identities by choosing their own definitions of 'good' and 'evil.' How can you show compassion and love to those who have not yet found the stability and comfort of submitting to God's designs for humanity?

c) **EXALT:** Glorifying and worshipping God necessarily means recognizing that his plan for our lives is far superior than any plan we could come up with on our own. Practice gratitude this week - specifically thanking God for giving us an identity in him, and not forcing us to create our own identities.

d) **YOUR "ONE THING":** Part of the Christian journey is constantly resubmitting to God's intentions for our lives, because we will always be tempted to be our own god. We will always be tempted to 'do what is right in our own eyes.' Be intentional this week in your prayer life to submit your will, your desires, your intentions to God.