

Faithful to Truth in an Age of Tolerance

Introduction: Principles of Satan's Attacks—Genesis 3:1

The attack on truth can be summarized in Satan's challenge to Eve in Gen 3:1, "Did God actually say?" For the first time, Eve was confronted with the question of whether God spoke the truth, or whether he meant something else instead, or whether he had the authority to tell Eve what to do. Furthermore, Eve was introduced to the false idea that there is more than one version of the truth. In this introductory session we survey what this same attack looked like in the first churches and identify some foundational principles of Satan's attacks.

1. What does the question, "Has God actually said?" imply?
 - a. God is the divine _____, and the source of all _____.
 - b. God has _____ spoken.
 - c. Satan questions _____.
 - d. Satan's purpose: To launch a _____, persuasive attack against _____.
2. How do we see Satan's attacks in the first churches?

In this study, we will survey the letters of Paul for foundational principles of Satan's attacks:

Galatians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Romans

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Foundational Principles for Satan's attacks:

- a. Whenever truth is established by God, Satan seeks _____ to _____ it.
- b. Satan uses _____ as his instruments.
- c. Those whom Satan uses cunningly _____.
- d. Doctrinal attacks in the church are often accompanied by _____.

