

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?'"

You just read today's devotional verse, and do you know that you just read? The first question in the bible.

"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

And guess who is asking that first question. *Satan*
And who or what is he questioning? *God*
And what is he questioning about God? *His word and His provision for Adam and Eve.*

Think about this for a moment. We all know the story of Adam and Eve, and how God made the Garden of Eden for them to live in.

† **Gen 2:8-9** *The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

So here you are, in this beautiful garden with trees and plants by the hundreds, if not thousands to choose breakfast, lunch, dinner, and even a snack from. Along with these wonderful foods to choose, there is only ONE tree that you cannot eat from. So what does Satan do? He takes Eve to that ONE tree, and she in turn takes her husband, Adam to that ONE tree.

They had the best of the best as far as food and comfort went. Yet they choose the one and only worst of the worst instead, and now over 5000 years later we are still paying the price for the one decision. And it all started with that first question, which was questioning God.

But questions can be good, like a man asking a woman, *"Will you marry me?"*
But questions can be bad as well, and the bad ones are when we question God.

I love the end of the book of Job, when God speaks up: ***"Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer" Me. Job 40:7***

Look around your home and ask yourself this question, *"How many wonderful things do I have that God has blessed me with?"*

First off, you have a home, you have food, drink, a bed to sleep in, a family, possibly a spouse, a job, great friends, a family that loves you, you can go on and on with all the great things that God has blessed you with.

Eve had hundreds of wonderful, sweet, satisfying trees and plants to choose from, all the animals to play with, and the perfect husband, yet she chooses that one tree that ruined the rest of her life.

Now ask yourself the next question, what are you going to allow to come into your life, or will you go running after, that will destroy all those blessing from the Lord?

† **Ezek 18:30** *"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin."*

† **Luke 6:49** *But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.*