

Unlocking



The Story *Within The Story*

WHY GOD DOESN'T STOP DEMONIC FORCES FROM TRYING TO INFLUENCE YOU

He's a cunning liar and thief. He knew just how to deceive Adam and Eve, lure them into his web of sin, and estrange them from God...just as he is. Using the supernatural abilities of a higher agent, he shrewdly disguised himself to appear as a serpent, even with the capacity to speak. More than a flesh and blood reptile, this was Satan, the fallen angel whom the Lord cast out of heaven to the earth (*Rev. 12:3-4, 7-9*). The obvious questions that must be answered are:

1- Why did Satan attack Adam and Eve? 2- Why didn't God Stop him?

By understanding God's plan and who He created Adam and Eve to be, we find the answers. They were His free will agents, created in His own nature and character. Their charge was to represent God's righteous rule on a planet that had been corrupted by Lucifer's fall (*Gen. 1:26-28*). Because they were a threat to Satan's authority, he had to seduce them away from their assignment. ***GOD DIDN'T STOP SATAN FROM ENTERING THE GARDEN SO THAT ADAM AND EVE WOULD HAVE THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE AUTHORITY GOD GAVE THEM TO RULE AND SUBDUE EVERYTHING ON EARTH...INCLUDING EVIL. BUT THEY FAILED!***

Likewise, God has given you His authority to resist all demonic forces in your life (*Matt. 10:1; James 4:7-8*). ***GOD DOESN'T STOP THE DEVIL FROM TRYING TO INFLUENCE YOU BECAUSE HE EXPECTS YOU TO DO THAT FOR YOURSELF (EPH. 4:27; 6:11)***. When Satan tries to enter the "Garden" of your heart to lure you away from God (*and he will*), you can overcome him by Christ's victory over Satan (*Col. 2:15*). With a repentant heart and faith in Christ, you will be victorious over all evil intentions of the wicked one (*1 John 5:4; Rev. 12:11*)!

