# "MAN DEPARTING FROM GOD"

## GENESIS 2:16-17; 3:1-6

1. **GOD’S ORIGINAL WORDS TO THE FIRST MAN & WOMAN WERE DESIGNED TO KEEP THEM CLOSE TO HIMSELF (2:16-17)**
   1. God Gave Man A Permission (2:16)
   2. God Gave Man A Prohibition (2:17a)  
      1. To Keep Man Mentally And Spiritually Submissive To His Creator
      2. To Test Man In A Neutral Area To See Whether Or Not Man Would Remain In His Place
   3. God Gave Man A Promise [In The Form Of A Warning] (2:17b)
2. **GOD’S ORIGINAL WORDS TO THE FIRST MAN & WOMAN WERE SHUNNED IN FAVOR OF THE WORDS OF A SERPENT THAT WERE DESIGNED TO DRAW MAN AWAY FROM GOD (3:1-6)**
   1. Behind This Serpent Was Another Person  
      1. Christ Himself Referred To This Event (John 8:44)
      2. John Calls Satan A “Serpent” (Revelation 12:9)
   2. The Methodology Of The Serpent/Satan Is Reduplicated In The Lives Of All People (3:1-6)  
      1. The Serpent Questioned The Reasonableness Of God’s Prohibition (3:1)  
         1. Through Deliberate Exaggeration Of The Facts
         2. Eve Stated The Permission Accurately But Was Conned Into Herself, Exaggerating The Prohibition (3:2-3)
      2. The Serpent Denied God’s Promise (Warning) (3:4)
      3. The Serpent Tempts Eve With The Same Temptation That The Devil Himself Was Plagued With: To Throw Off All Restraint And Be Just Like The One Who Made Him (3:5)
   3. Both The Woman & The Man Decided (Albeit In Different Ways) That The Devil Was Right And God Was Wrong (3:6)