



Lesson 52 (1 Samuel 23:1-14): Kingly Rescue; Timely Escape

Read Genesis 3:1-6. What did the serpent first ask Eve? He starts with this question (which had a piece of truth in it, but was still false) to make Eve doubt God.

What statement does he follow this up with in verse 4?

How does that statement continue to undermine Eve's faith in God?

What promise does the serpent make to Eve in verse 5?

How does that continue to make her doubt God?

When Eve looked at the tree, what sense of hers told her the fruit was good?

What did she desire to be?

Satan used small pieces of truth mixed with lies to convince Eve she couldn't trust God; that He didn't really have her best interest at heart; that she wouldn't suffer consequences for her sin; that she'd experience amazing benefits from her sin; that God's ways were too restrictive; and that she could be wiser than God and better equipped to make this decision, and she used her senses (especially her eyes) to decide what was best for her. At the heart of it all, Satan convinced Eve she couldn't trust God.

Read Jeremiah 17:7-10. The man who trusts in the Lord will be what?

When our trust is based on God, we will not fear even when what happens?

How does Jeremiah describe the heart of man here?

Does that description suggest we can trust our hearts?

Read Romans 3:10-18. According to this passage, does anyone actually seek God?

Why does the last verse here (18) tie the other verses together?

Read Proverbs 3:5-8. Where are we to place our trust?

Is there any part of our lives where there is an exception to this?

When we rely on Him for our wisdom and strength, what benefit do we receive?

As you spend time with God today, please take a moment and do a serious heart check. Do you expect God to line up with your desires?

Do you think that you can bring Him a laundry list of wants and, if you've been good enough, He's obligated to provide those wants?

Do you look at the world through your own standard of what is good, or are you asking God to help you to see what He sees as good?

My prayer for us all today is that, as we consider these things, if we have rushed into a situation that was not God honoring, that was not wise or helpful, that we would take a step back and consider the truth that simply because you act one way does not mean you are acting with God. The only way to know what God truly wants of you is to spend time in His word, and to in prayer with Him, to become more sensitive to His Spirit within you, correcting and guiding you. Take a hard look at your life and stop justifying your sinful, selfish behavior. Ask God to create in you a new heart draw you ever close to Him.