

CHAPTER 4

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How Satan became the devil—He tempts Eve—Adam and Eve fall, and death enters the world.

1 And I, the ^aLord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That ^bSatan, whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, is the same which was from the ^cbeginning, and he came before me, saying—Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will ^dredeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely ^eI will do it; wherefore ^fgive me thine honor.

2 But, behold, my Beloved ^aSon, which was my Beloved and ^bChosen from the beginning, said unto me—^cFather, thy ^dwill be done, and the ^eglory be thine forever.

3 Wherefore, because that ^aSatan ^brebelled against me, and sought to destroy the ^cagency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also, that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten, I caused that he should be ^dcast down;

4 And he became ^aSatan, yea, even the ^bdevil, the father of all ^clies, to ^ddeceive and to blind men, and to lead them ^ecaptive at his will, even as many as would not ^fhearken unto my voice.

5 And now the serpent was more ^asubtle than any beast of the field which I, the Lord God, had made.

6 And ^aSatan put it into the heart of the serpent, (for he had drawn away ^bmany after him,) and he sought also to ^cbeguile Eve, for he ^dknew not the ^emind of God, wherefore he sought to destroy the world.

7 And he said unto the woman: Yea, hath God said—Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (And he spake by the mouth of the serpent.)

8 And the woman said unto the serpent: We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden;

9 But of the fruit of the tree which thou beholdest in the midst of the garden, God hath said—Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

10 And the serpent said unto the ^awoman: Ye shall not surely die;

11 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your ^aeyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, ^bknowing good and evil.

12 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it became pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be ^adesired to make her wise, she took of the ^bfruit thereof, and did ^ceat, and also gave unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

13 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they had been ^anaked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ^baprons.

14 And they heard the voice of the Lord God, as they were ^awalking in the garden, in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife went to hide themselves from the ^bpresence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

15 And I, the Lord God, called unto Adam, and said unto him: Where ^agoest thou?

16 And he said: I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I beheld that I was naked, and I hid myself.

17 And I, the Lord God, said unto Adam: Who told thee thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat, if so thou shouldst surely ^adie?

18 And the man said: The woman thou gavest me, and commandest that she should remain with me, she gave me of the fruit of the tree and I did eat.

19 And I, the Lord God, said unto the woman: What is this thing which thou hast done? And the woman said: The serpent ^abeguiled me, and I did eat.

20 And I, the Lord God, said unto the serpent: Because thou hast done this thou shalt be ^acursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life;

21 And I will put ^aenmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed; and he shall ^bbruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

22 Unto the woman, I, the Lord God, said: I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. In ^asorrow thou shalt bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy ^bhusband, and he shall rule over thee.

23 And unto Adam, I, the Lord God, said: Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the fruit of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying—Thou shalt not eat of it, ^acursed shall be the ground for thy sake; in ^bsorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

24 Thorns also, and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field.

25 By the ^asweat of thy ^bface shalt thou eat bread, until thou shalt return unto the ground—for thou shalt surely die—for out of it wast thou taken: for ^cdust thou wast, and unto dust shalt thou return.

26 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living; for thus have I, the Lord God, called the first of all women, which are ^amany.

27 Unto Adam, and also unto his wife, did I, the Lord God, make coats of ^askins, and ^bclothed them.

28 And I, the Lord God, ^asaid unto mine Only Begotten: Behold, the ^bman is become as one of us to ^cknow good and evil; and now lest he put forth his hand and ^dpartake also of the ^etree of life, and eat and live forever,

29 Therefore I, the Lord God, will send him forth from the Garden of ^aEden, to till the ground from whence he was taken;

30 For as I, the Lord God, liveth, even so my ^awords cannot return void, for as they go forth out of my mouth they must be fulfilled.

31 So I drove out the man, and I placed at the east of the Garden of ^aEden, ^bcherubim and a flaming sword, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life.

32 (And these are the words which I spake unto my servant Moses, and they are true even as I will; and I have spoken them unto you. See thou show them unto no man, until I command you, except to them that believe. Amen.)

1a Moses 5:58.

1b D&C 29:36 (36–39); 76:25 (25–26); Abr. 3:27.

1c Moses 5:24.

1d TG Redemption.

1e Isa. 14:13 (12–15).

1f TG Selfishness.

2a TG Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship; Witness of the Father.

2b Moses 7:39; Abr. 3:27. TG Foreordination; Jesus Christ, Authority of; Jesus Christ, Foreordained; Jesus Christ, Messenger of the Covenant; Jesus Christ, Messiah.

2c TG God the Father, Elohim.

2d Luke 22:42. TG God, the Standard of Righteousness.

2e Ps. 96:8; John 7:18. TG Glory.

3a TG Sons of Perdition.

3b Abr. 3:28. TG Council in Heaven; Rebellion.

3c TG Agency.

3d D&C 76:25 (25–27).

4a Moses 1:12.

4b TG Devil.

4c 2 Ne. 2:18; D&C 10:25. TG Honesty; Lying.

4d 1 Thes. 3:5; D&C 29:39 (39–40, 47). TG Deceit.

4e TG Bondage, Spiritual.

4f TG Disobedience.

5a Gen. 3:1; Mosiah 16:3; Alma 12:4; D&C 123:12.

6a TG Devil.

6b D&C 29:36.

6c TG Honesty.

6d John 16:3 (1–3).

6e 1 Cor. 2:16. TG Mind.

10a 1 Tim. 2:14.

Gen. 3:5 (3–6); D&C 76:12 (12, 19); Moses 5:10.

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- 11b Alma 12:31. TG Knowledge.
- 12a Gen. 3:6; 1 Ne. 8:12 (10–15); 15:36.
- 12b D&C 29:40.
- 12c TG Fall of Man.
- 13a Gen. 2:25; 2 Ne. 9:14.
- 13b TG Apparel.
- 14a Gen. 3:8.
- 14b Jonah 1:3.
- 15a Gen. 3:9.
- 17a Moses 3:17.
- 19a Gen. 3:13 (1–13); 2 Ne. 9:9; Mosiah 16:3; Ether 8:25.
- 20a Gen. 3:14 (13–16).
- 21a Gen. 3:15.
- 21b Ps. 68:21; Rom. 16:20; Heb. 2:14.
- 22a Gen. 3:16. TG Pain.
- 22b TG Marriage, Husbands; Marriage, Wives.
- 23a Job 14:1; Moses 8:9. TG Earth, Curse of.
- 23b TG Suffering.
- 25a Gen. 3:19 (17–19). TG Mortality.
- 25b Moses 5:1.
- 25c Gen. 2:7; Job 10:9; Ps. 104:29; Alma 42:30; Moses 3:7; 6:59; Abr. 5:7.
- 26a Moses 1:34; 6:9.
- 27a Gen. 27:16; Alma 49:6.
- 27b TG Apparel; Clothing; Modesty.
- 28a Gen. 3:22.
- 28b TG Man, Potential to Become like Heavenly Father.
- 28c TG Knowledge; Probation.
- 28d Alma 42:5 (4–5).
- 28e Gen. 2:9; 1 Ne. 11:25; Moses 3:9; Abr. 5:9.
- 29a TG Eden.
- 30a 1 Kgs. 8:56; Jer. 44:28.
- 31a TG Eden.
- 31b Alma 42:3. TG Cherubim.