

The Serpent's Enduring Deception

Genesis 3:1-6

Discerning truth from error is a challenge these days, especially when it comes to our _____. How do we _____ the noise and have confidence in what God is saying to us? Gen. 3 identifies the _____ of this problem we face and shows us the most crucial conviction we must have to know what God's will truly is.

To the creation story, a new, strange character is introduced in Gen. 3: the serpent. This serpent is the first representation of the _____, of _____, in Scripture. These verses reveal how a beautiful creation, in perfect _____ with a loving creator could become so broken. The text details how this evil one set about to _____ the ears and the hearts of God's first humans to His perfect will for their lives. He got them to _____ the word of God.

The first and most important principle for knowing whether something you hear, feel, or think is God's word and will to you is this: Does it align with the _____ word, the _____. _____, the apostles, and the _____ from its earliest days considered our Bible to be the word of God.

How can the Bible, written 2000+ years ago help me with decisions in the 21st century?

Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." That's not just _____. He is talking about studying the Bible, _____ with it and putting it into practice so that it becomes ingrained in your _____.

Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." That means He's _____. He doesn't say _____ one day and something _____ the next.

When you hide God's word in your heart, when you live with it so that it becomes ingrained in your innermost being, then you _____ the word of God. And because God is consistent, you will be able to _____ His word from the cacophony of _____ and _____ claiming to be Him.