

# The Lies of Satan: Did God Really Say That?

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## *Part 1*

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Lies. We've all told them, and we've all believed them. Lies are a part of everyone's past and we aren't proud of them. Some Christians today are notorious for lying. According to Jesus, those who lie take after Satan, who is the father of lies (Jn. 8:44).

Genesis 3 opens with, *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made"* (3:1). We see his craftiness in the very next verse when Moses writes, *"He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say you shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"* (3:2). Of course God did not say that. God only told them not to eat of the tree in the midst of the garden (Gen. 2:16-17). Eve knew this (vs. 2-3), but Satan was persistent and caused Eve to begin to doubt. Eventually, Eve's doubts led to her disobeying God and getting her husband Adam to do the same. Since this time Satan has done his best to bring doubt into the minds of those who attempt to live according to God's standards. Think about some of the commands of God we read in scripture. People today are questioning, "Did God really say that? Surely not!"

Women's role in the church is one of the battles churches today are facing. Should women be allowed to serve in an authoritative role during corporate worship? Most churches today seem to think so, but I disagree. In I Timothy 2, Paul writes, *"I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet"* (v. 12). Many people will read this verse and say, "Well, that was just cultural. You really don't believe God would say that do you?" Yes, I do.

Why would God allow Paul to be led by the Holy Spirit to write such? Paul continued on, *"For Adam was formed first, then Eve"* (v. 13). God could have created Eve first, but he didn't. Adam was created first and given the responsibility to be the spiritual leader of his home. When Jesus picked people to serve as apprentice under Him, He chose 12 men. He didn't do this because He hated women or considered them less valuable than men, as modern day atheists would

have us to believe. No, He did this because it was His Father's intent for males to serve in leadership positions.

Satan has done a good job of causing Christians to read verses like 1 Timothy 2:12-13 and question what God really intended. Friends, remember Satan goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8). He will do everything in his power to get Christians to ask the question, "Did God Really say that?"