The Flesh Which Listens

Andrew Roberts · Genesis 3:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- The devil cannot make you do something you don't want to do. And so tonight we are considering the flesh which listens.
- Perhaps the devil you don't know is yourself. Perhaps the devil you don't know is your own, my own disordered desires in my flesh.
- Whose side are we on in these spiritual battles? Is it on the side of Jesus? Or do we land on the side of ourselves?

1 Designed for Dominion

Genesis 1:26–28; Genesis 3:1–5; James 1:12–15

- Human beings, men and women made out of the image of God, were designed by God, created by God for dominion.
- Let us make man in our image according to our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air.
- Our minds are different than the beasts because we have an imagination.
- You have choice. Free will, choice. And your choices craft your character.
- Our mind works with repetition and memory. Our minds are designed in such a way to lock into patterns.
- Satan comes along and he's able to twist our design to use it against us with his lies, with his temptations.

2 Lies Appeal to Disordered Desires

Genesis 3:6; 1 John 2:15–16; Galatians 6:7–8

- In the Bible, the word flesh can be used to communicate three different ideas. It depends upon the context.
- Our flesh, these cravings, they entertain lies because the lies appeal to the desires.
- We're talking about the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life. It's all right here.
- Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- When I trust the devil's lies, when I act upon the devil's temptations, I sin. And with each sin, it is easier to sin again.
- Sin compounds, sowing to the spirit compounds, and that what you serve is what you become.

3 We Need to Sow to the Spirit

Jeremiah 17:9; 2 Corinthians 5:7; James 1:21

- Is it the Lord Jesus Christ, or is it my own flesh, my own appetites and cravings and desires? Who should be the authority?
- The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.
- There is another authority beyond my mind, beyond my heart, the true Lord, the creator and the redeemer, who is Jesus Christ.
- The power of faith is not believing lies, rather, it is acting on truth. Live as the Bible is true.
- Developing some good patterns, some good habits of sowing to the Spirit, such as Bible reading and Bible listening.
- We need a time in our day where we are unplugging from all of the megaphones of lies and temptations that the devil blasts at us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **It will not be easier tomorrow. It will not be easier than this moment to repent and turn to God and come to him for salvation.**

MY NOTES