The First Man, Adam

By J. M. Little Special To The Post Now, we have seen the creation of man, both male and female. How are they to live? Or, what shall they eat? I want you to listen closely tonight. I'm going to point out something here you may not have throught about. "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." (Gen. 1:29). Right here is where God appointed man to eat of trees, they were his

meat. So God appointed

man to be a vegetarian at this point. He didn't tell

him to slay one animal for

meat. Then again in verse 9 of Gen. 2, "And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the TREE OF LIFE also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL." There again God tells man to eat of the trees. Then again in verse 16; "And the LORD God commanded the man God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat." Now, this is the third time the Lord told the man to eat of the trees for meat, but on this occasion he gave him a different command in that He restricted him from eating from a certain tree there in

Verse 17, "But of the tree of KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, THOU SHALT NOT EAT OF IT: for in the day that thou eastest thereof thou shalt surely die." So God placed man under a covenant of works, to do one thing; " DON'T EAT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL." Will the man obey God's command? At this point Adam is walking in perfect fellowship with God, knowing the mind of God and is faithful to God in every respect. But why did the Lord tell Adam not to est of this particular tree? To test man's faithfulness to Him. Here is a whole world of trees for man to eat from, and he only was forbidden to eat from one tree. All on the restored earth is peace ful at this time. All the animals are at peace with one another. Man could walk among and talk to the animals with all ease. Not one would think of fighting man. A lion or snake would not think of attacking their king, man. Can you imagine a world like that? Where all is sweet and peaceful from one corner of the earth to the other? We can't, can we? But there is can't, can we? But there is one man who rules the entire world, he is king over all the earth. Wouldn't you think he'd like to keep all this peacefulness and walking with and talking to the Lord? What would you do?

But there was someone watching this whole scene that we have witnessed. He was watching it with hatred and jealousy, and envy in his heart. He was planning all the while to wrote the control of the con wreck everything that God had done. Who is this someone and why did he want to wreck such a peaceful world and state of affairs? He was a fallen angel, Lucifer.

Lucifer had lost the earth as his throne in his rebellion when the Lord kicked him out of Heaven. He declared in his heart; "I WILL GET EVEN WITH THE LORD." Remember, t was he who said, "I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS; I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH." Yes, the Lord had defeated Lucifer, but Lucifer planned in his heart of hatred to get even with, or get back at the Lord. How many times have hearts said they were going to get even with some child of allegiance to the Devil, he sold the entire race into slavery to the Devil. When he died, spiritually, death passed upon all men. Every offspring of his would be born dead spiritually, a child of the Devil. When you and I were God? Or, I'll get him. A man said some years ago in reference to this servant of the Lord, "I just want to get him." But he couldn't tell one thing I had done to him. Every lost person is a child of the devil and carries a heart of hatred for the child of God.

What did Lucifer do? Chapter 3: "Now the ser-pent was more subtil than any beast of the field which



the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God

said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

(Verse 1). "And the woman said unto the serpent, We

may eat of the fruit of the

trees of the garden."
(Verse 2). Right here is

where Lucifer, through the serpent, succeeded in

getting the woman to question God. Once the Devil gets you to question God, he has succeeded in

God, he has succeeded in turning you away from de-pendence upon God. As Eve began to question God, what did she do? She lied on God. Listen to what she said, "But of the fruit of

the tree which is in the

midst of the garden, God

hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." Right here is where she lied on the Lord. He didn't command

them not to touch the tree,

just to not eat of it. But the Devil succeeded in his getting her to question her Maker, and he kept feeding

her his poison. Let's listen in as he feeds her his next bait of poison as she listens to the VOICE

OF THE DEVIL: "And the serpent said unto the woman, YE SHALL NOT

SURELY DIE: For God doth know that in the day

ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, know-ing food and evil," (Verse 4-5). What will the woman

do? What would you do? Here, is the saddest thing

human being could do.
"And when the woman saw
that the tree was good for
food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree
to be desired to make one
wise..." What a tragedy!

She has now disobeyed God. Lucifer has succeeded

in part in getting back at the Lord. He has gotten the

woman to break God's command. The woman has

eaten of the tree of know-

ledge of good and evil.
What will she do next?
"She took of the fruit
thereof, and did eat, and
gave also unto her husband

gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (Verse 6). Lucifer now has succeeded in getting both the man and his wife to disobey God. Adam ate of the tree with his eyes wide open. He knew if he partook of the forbidden tree he would die. He sinned willingly. Adam had a free-will. He was not a slave of the Devil as is every lost person today. He was the only man who had a free-will.

When he disobeyed God and obeyed the Devil, he became a devilish soul, a

child of the Devil. The light went out of his soul on the

went out of his soul on the road to Hell. No longer does he have fellowship with the Lord. He is now a sinful being. When he partook of the forbidden tree he fell from a state of innocency.

to one of guilt. He willing-ly broke God's command-ment. Yes, he had a free-will, but he decided to give

allegiance to the Devil, he

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