

## Maranatha Fellowship CRC

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**Seven Deadly Sins** – Week 2: The Sin of Pride

**Message:** Choose Humility Over Pride

**Texts:** Genesis 3:1-8 and 1 Peter 5: 5b-6

### A Brief Preview:

Genesis is the book of beginnings. The first eleven chapter of Genesis introduces the Creator God and the beginnings of life, sin, judgment, family, worship and salvation. Chapter 3 of Genesis focuses on the Fall of Man. The first five verses in the chapter deals with the Temptation of Man, verses six through seven talks about the Fall of Man, and verses eight through twenty-four explains God's Judgment on Man. In this sermon the sin of pride will be shared and how we could overcome the sin of pride with the humility of Christ.

### Outline:

- I. Introduction – Recognizing Satan
  - A. Satan – ‘the father of all lies’
  - B. “I saw him, and I didn’t recognize him”
  
- II. The Innocent Tempted in the Devil (v. 1-5)
  - A. How does the tempter look like – in the shape and likeness of a serpent
  - B. The Devil played the game of separation to draw our first parents to sin and separate from their God
  
- III. Who was the person tempted?
  - A. The Devil assaulted the weakest vessel (Eve here) with his temptation
  - B. Satan tempted Eve first, because through her he wanted to tempt Adam
  
- IV. The Temptation and its ramifications
  - A. The Devil’s main goal was to persuade Eve to eat the forbidden fruit
    - i. He questioned Eve (whether it was sin or not to eat the forbidden fruit), v.1
    - ii. He denied that there was any danger in it; he lied, ‘you will not surely die’

- B. The tempted Eve transgressed/came against God's command (Gen. 3:6-8)
  - i. Satan uses his wiles (tricks to deceive) and gains the strongholds
  - ii. The steps of their (Adam's and Eve's) transgressing went downward
  - iii. The immediate consequences of transgression (Gen. 3:7-8)
  
- V. The Humility in Christ (1 Peter 5:5-6)
  - A. Brief preview and context
  - B. Apostle Peter exhorts those who are younger
  - C. He foretold them the greater hardships are yet coming might excite in them the abundance of care for each other
  
- VI. Conclusion
  - A. The tempter deceived our first parents, Adam and Eve
  - B. Be alert and of sober mind (1 Peter 5:8-9)
  - C. Pride comes before fall; God will judge Satan (Rev. 20:7-10)
  - D. God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble (James 4:6)
  - E. God offers to clothe us with his grace and righteousness in Christ (Gen. 3:21)
  - F. Therefore, choose humility over pride (1 Peter 5:5b-6)