



PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

John 14:1-3 NLT

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INTRODUCTION

Satan, the devil, has one main goal in life - to separate you from God and keep you separated. Very early after creation, Satan attacked Adam and Eve.

Three basic approaches in Genesis 3 (same used today):

- **He will SOW CONFUSION about what God said.**
“Did God really say that?” Satan does not want you to read God’s Word for yourself. He wants you to think you cannot understand it or believe that it could not possibly mean what it says, so you do not have to worry about doing or not doing what it says.
- **He will LIE ABOUT GOD!**
In this approach, Satan contradicts God. He told Eve “You will not die if you eat of this tree.” The argument: God wants you to be happy, and so whatever you want to do to be happy is fine with God. Anytime you hear terms like “God would never” or “God will do...”, it would be best to check your Bible and see what God actually says about things.
- **You can BE YOUR OWN god.**
Satan told Eve the only reason God would not let them eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was that then they would be like God. Of course, the problem is not just to know good from evil, but to know what to do about it. Or how to handle it when you fall.

THREE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE THAT MUST BE DONE IN JESUS TO SUSTAIN THROUGH LIFE'S TEMPTATIONS, TRAILS, AND TRIBULATIONS:

1) YOUR _____ BODY

† **Romans 7:18-23 NLT**

- The old man must die

† Isaiah 58:6 NLT

- Methodical plan

† Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

† Numbers 23:19 NLT

2) YOUR _____ LIFE

† **Joshua 24:15 NLT**

- Run your house

† Ephesians 2:2-22 NLT

† 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT

- Protect your home

3) _____ SERVICE

† **1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NLT**

- Remember who you are serving
- No divisions amongst us

† Proverbs 6:16-19 NLT
