

A landscape photograph showing a bright yellow glow on the horizon, likely from a low sun or a light flare, against a dark sky. The foreground is dark and indistinct.

# **The Simple Pure Gospel**

II Corinthians 11:2-3

# As the Serpent Deceived...

## ⇒ Lucifer falls:

- Ezekiel 28:12-17, Isaiah 14:12-15
- more exalted than everything else, next to God Himself
- that position was not enough, and he became proud

## ⇒ Satan uses the same scheme on mankind:

- Genesis 2:25-3:7
- God created a simple & pure life for Adam & Eve as rulers
- The Devil used his craftiness to lead them astray

# 1. Supplanting God-Appointed Authority

- ⇒ Genesis 3:1
- ⇒ slipping in the back door (John 10:1-10)
- ⇒ The Simple Pure Gospel (Hebrews 13:17): *Submitting to God-appointed authority will protect you from harm*
- ⇒ some areas of God-appointed authority:
  - home: husbands & parents (Ephesians 5:22, 6:1-3)
  - employers (I Peter 2:18-19)
  - church elders: Hebrews 13:17

## 2. Questioning God's Word

⇒ Genesis 3:1

⇒ The Simple Pure Gospel (Psalm 119:105): *God's Word is the safest guide for every step of your life*

⇒ Ways God speaks:

- through His Holy Spirit (Revelation 2:7)
- through the principles in the Bible (Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35)
- through the counsel of godly men (Proverbs 12:15, 15:22)

# 3. Distorting God's Love

⇒ Genesis 3:4-5

⇒ painting a different picture of God:

- that He is not a righteous Judge
- that He does not truly love you

⇒ The Simple Pure Gospel (John 17:23): ***The Father loves you just as He loved Jesus***

# Muddying the Waters

- ⇒ The Simple Pure Gospel: *Devotion to Christ*
  - married to one husband (II Corinthians 11:2-3)
  - intimate fellowship with God (Genesis 3:8)
  
- ⇒ The Complicated False Message: *Religion!*
  - lots of religious knowledge & activity to distract us
  - results in shame and pretense (Genesis 3:7-8)
  - results in fear (Genesis 3:10)

# The Simple Pure Gospel

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