

Genesis 3:4-5

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Today's devotional verse is the first recorded lie spoken here on the earth, and if you read it, it is a lie that most of the population wants to believe. Did you see it?

† ***"You will not surely die."***

We all know that we will die, but when we were kids, and especially teenagers or 20 somethings, we thought that we would live forever, but as we get older, we realize that we will all die someday. Yet how many will buy all these products that are advertised on TV or the internet or even in magazines (if they still exist), or that their friends tell them about to prolong their life?

Simply put, people want to live forever; therefore, some workout and spend hours upon hours at the gym thinking it will prolong their life. Some have turned to being vegetarian to prolong their life.

Now these things can help you live a healthier life, which is good, because our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

† **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT2)** *Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*

But it will not prolong your life, and I say that based upon scripture and that the Lord knows when we will take our last breath here on this earth.

† **Psalm 104:29** *You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*

But let me give you some good. or bad news today, and that is that we will all die, regardless of what the commercials or others will tell you.

† **Hebrews 9:27** *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment*

"Good news or bad news, how can it be one or the other?" You may be thinking. Well, it is good... no, GREAT news if you are a believer, because when you die, or "fall asleep" as the bible says that happens to believers, you will spend eternity in heaven with our God and our Lord and Savior Jesus. Now that is GREAT news if you ask me.

But, the bad news is for those who die without Jesus, because after they die, they will end up in hell, separated from God and Jesus for all eternity, and the reason why is not because Adam and Eve sinned (Yet that is why sin and death is in the world) but because they spent their entire life rejecting Jesus and continuing to believe the lies of the enemy, satan.

Another thing satan said is the second lie in today's verse, which is what caused him to rebel against God, and that is that "***you will be like God,***" and how many think they are gods and want others to worship them. Just think of social media and how many want to be followed and admired or worshipped by others, and not just actors or musicians, but pretty much anyone who thinks they are something.

So the first two lies spoken on this earth, we used to believe before we came to Jesus, yet people still believe and allow the disillusion of it all to send them to hell, because they choose to believe the lies of "***you will not surely die***" and "***you will be like God.***"

But thanks to Jesus Christ for saving us from the lies. But you can only be saved by believing the truth and stop believing the lies.

† **1 Corinthians 6:11** *And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*