**Attack on God's Word as Final Authority**

(Genesis 3:1-6 KJV) Now the serpent was more subtle 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? {2} And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: {3} 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. {4} And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: {5} For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. {6} 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, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Here we can see the tactics, methods, approach, and policy of evil Satan has against God's word. Before Eve partook of that tree, a discussion takes place that lays out Satan's policy of evil against God's Word.

1. Questions the Word of God
*"And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"*
Satan questions what God said with a positive approach, "Yea (yes), hath God said..."
2. Subtracted from what God said
*"And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden"*
What God said was that they may "*freely*" eat of the trees. Besides even engaging in a conversation with the adversary, the first mistake Eve made was subtracting from what God had said. That word "freely" is an important word (see Romans 3:24; 8:32).
3. Added to the Word of God
*" God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it..."*
God did not say, "neither shall you touch it" but Eve thought the idea was not to touch the tree so she add that when she quoted it.
4. Watering down the Word of God
*"God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."*
God said, "...thou shalt surely die"
5. Denies the Word of God
*"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die."*
Notice, Satan denied the original version, not the watered down version.

Satan's policy of evil against the Word of God is to destroy the final authority of the Bible by bringing in a competing authority. The basis for Satan's denial of the Word of God is the desire he sees in Eve for a human viewpoint. Eve has God's word then Satan comes along and introduces a competing authority and now Eve has to decide what is right.

By bringing in another authority and giving that competing authority equal weight, how does one decide which one is right? YOU make the choice as a third authority.

Today we have many different versions of God's Word (competing authorities), we often decide which one we think is right. Often this decision is based upon what someone else has said about a particular version (another competing authority).

(2 Corinthians 2:17 KJV) For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

The way one corrupts the Word of God is to question it, subtract from it, add to it, water it down and then to deny it. In society today, most people do not believe in the Word of God as final authority.

**Result Of Losing God's Word As Final Authority**

(Amos 8:11-14 KJV) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: {12} And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. {13} In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. {14} They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Verses 13 and 14 describe one being so totally consumed by a religious system, but no book. The previous verse say there will be a famine of hearing **the words of the LORD**. The issue is *the words*, not just the message or idea of what God meant. There is no light and God's judgment is upon them.

The reason there are so many different Bible versions is Satan is attempting to destroy the final authority of God's Word by offering competing authorities which subtract from God's Word, add to God's Word and water down God's word. The result is religious systems that deny God's Word.

There was only one religion and it is set aside. Religion today is teaching of commandments and doctrines of men and God hates that. There is no power in religion.

(Romans 10:17 KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

How do we know what we believe is right? Some will say, "I feel it is right" or "It's the oldest religion." However, we know we are right when we have God's Word as final authority. If we use it right, it will be enough to convince any honest, sincere listener. The ultimate proof of our faith is the Word of God as final authority.