



## “Hocus-Pocus”

Wed July 19, 2023

- I. **Genesis 3:1-8**
  - A. Just because it looks good...
    1. The first thing Satan mentions is about the eyes being opened.
    2. Let’s remember, that Adam and Eve saw this tree many times before....and they never touched it. Why this time?
      - \* Satan used a little “hocus-pocus”, a little disguise and deception
      - \* *“When she saw that the tree was good for food...”*
  - B. Their eyes were most definitely opened...
    1. Not to what Satan lied about, but to a completely different knowledge (the problem today...knowing too much...instead of knowing the one True God!)
    2. What’s the first thing they saw? Answer: Their own shame!
    3. When they knew they were outside the will of God, another deception was planted that day: People run from God instead of to Him!
- II. Don’t be moved by what you see
  - A. **Last week: Dreadful Distractions**
    1. Winds and Waves come only for one reason: to get your eyes away from the promise!
    2. You Choose what you look at: **II Corinthians 4:18**
      - What is seen by the natural eye is temporal (temporary or subject to change)
      - What is seen beyond this natural world is eternal or never changes.
  - B. Satan the Deceiver.... “It looks so real!”
    1. **Revelation 12:9 “deceives the whole world.”**
    2. **Mark 13:20-22**
      - **One of the problems in the church: they follow the signs instead of the signs following them**
      - **Seduce – Lead astray or deceive**
      - **When the enemy is playing his tricks, shut your eyes!**
    3. Remember, Satan is the father of lies and there is no truth in him (**John 8:44**).
  - C. Keep your eyes right on
    1. **James 1:25 “Look into the perfect law of liberty” (the Word of God).**
    2. **Hebrews 12:2 “Look to Jesus...”**