



Satan's Plan for Your Life

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We have a lot of questions we would like to ask God, but our biggest questions sound like this:

“Hey God, do you really have a plan for me?”

Is there a greater purpose, a reason, a meaning for my life?

With all my with all the bad stuff in my life and past, do you still really have a plan for me?”

It's amazing to consider that God does have a plan for your life. **And God's plan is better than your plan.** Whatever you have planned for your finances, God's plan is better. Whatever you have planned for your future, God's plan is better. God's plan is better than your plan.

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Many of you have learned that from experience. You chased your plan. You ignored God's plan, and you paid a high price.

It cost you money. It cost you time. It cost you relationships. It brought pain. You should have learned the lesson that following God's plan is better than trying to follow your own flawed plan.

But there is one other factor out there. **Satan has a plan for your life as well.** But his plan is predictable and really the same for all of us. Scripture shows us how to avoid falling into it.

“COURAGE” Level Questions

Exercise #1: Write down three questions you would like to ask God about your life.

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C1: When you hear the phrase “God has a plan for my life”, what comes to your mind?

Exercise #2: This one is important! Write out a plan for your life. Pray over this plan for 21 days. What is God telling you about your plan?

“STRENGTH” Level Questions

Exercise #1: God formed and shaped the world and created everything in it. Read and answer the following.

Genesis 2:16 (ESV)

S1: What one rule did Adam absolutely have to follow?

Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

S2: From this verse, did God add to the rule that Adam had to obey?

S3: What do you think was God’s perfect plan for Adam’s and Eve’s lives?

Exercise #2: Man has a plan for his life, God has a plan for man's life, and Satan has a plan for man's life. Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:1 (ESV)

S4: As we read this story, we're biased against Adam and Eve because we understand the consequences of their wrong choice. But Eve didn't have our perspective. To her, the serpent was another animal. What can you learn from this verse?

Exercise #3: Contrast and compare the following verses.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (ESV)

Genesis 3:1 (ESV)

S5: What do you learn about Satan?

Exercise #4: Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:1 (ESV)

S6: What comes to mind when you read the word “crafty”?

S7: Look up “crafty” in the dictionary. What does its definition speak to you about Satan?

Exercise #5: Describe a time in your life where Satan’s lies deceived you.

“ENDURANCE” Level Questions

Exercise #1: Adam and Eve lived in a perfect environment where there was no sin or death. Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:1 (ESV)

E1: In this verse, what does Satan do?

E2: If the devil will attack Adam and Eve, who knew nothing about sin or evil, what do you think he will do to you and me—people who are exposed to evil every day?

E3: When are you most vulnerable to Satan’s lies and your sin nature?

E4: How did Satan begin his temptation of Eve?

Exercise #2: Satan wants us to fret over the *restrictions* and forget the *freedoms*. Write out some of the restrictions you have mistakenly focused on.

Now, write out some of the freedoms on which you know you ought to focus?

E5: Read **Genesis 3:2–4 (ESV)** What did Satan do to Eve?

Exercise #2: Using lies, Satan wants to offer people *something for nothing*. Read **Genesis 3:6–8 (ESV)** and answer the following.

E6: Where did the serpent ultimately go?

E7: Why do you think he didn't stick around to make Adam and Eve feel better?

Exercise #3: Imagine Satan writes on paper a single paragraph about how he wants your life to go. Write it down here. Then, ask your Creator for His help to rip that plan to shreds!