

The devil's trap

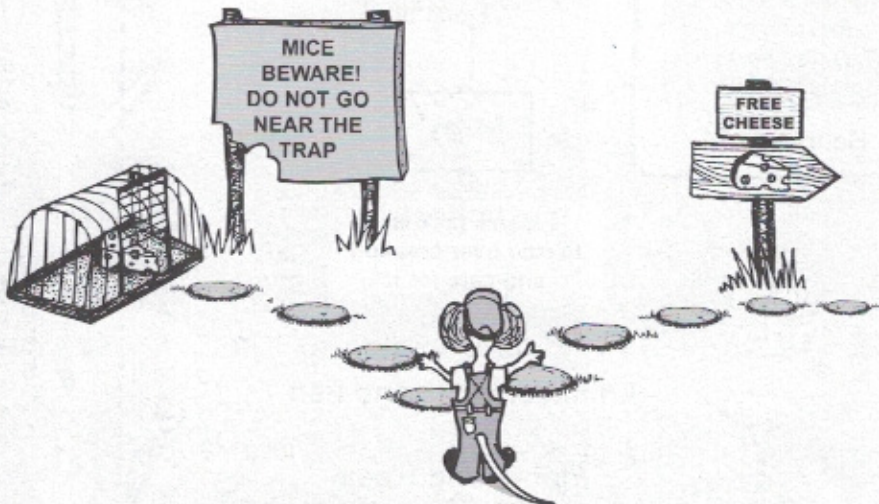
The devil had been thrown out of heaven because he became proud and wanted to be like God. He knew he was powerless to fight against an almighty God in heaven. But being on earth, he had a chance to destroy God's creation by robbing man of his right to rule over creation.

Adam and Eve knew and understood what God had said about the tree in the middle of the garden (see Genesis 3:2-3).

So the devil went about his plan in a sly way. He disguised himself by speaking through a serpent – the most crafty of all the wild animals – and said to the woman (Eve), "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Eve replied, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

Then the devil said, "You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."



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