INTRO: There are two basic attitudes with which men may face life. One of these attitudes was manifested in the Garden of Eden, the other in the Garden of Gethsemane. We shall examine these two attitudes & their consequences.

I. THE ATTITUDE THAT PREVAILED IN EDEN.
   GEN. 3:1-6
   A. Eve knew what God had said, but she preferred to believe the tempter, thus was readily deceived.

   B. She sinned, then became a stumbling block to her husband & led him into sin.

   C. Adam was not deceived (1 Tim. 2:14), but apparently was more concerned in maintaining fellowship with Eve than with God.

II. THE ATTITUDE THAT PREVAILED IN GETHSEMANE.
   READ MATTHEW 26:36-44

   NOTE: Jesus desired to avoid the cross with its pain, shame, mockery & abuse. But He put the will of the heavenly Father above His own personal, temporal desire.
III. THESE TWO ATTITUDES ARE EXEMPLIFIED THRU-OUT THE SCRIPTURES IN MEN AND WOMEN.

A. The Eden attitude.
      Num 22:13, 19, So Balaam rose in the morning & said to the princes of Balak, "Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to give me permission to go with you… Now therefore, please, you also stay here tonight, that I may know what more the LORD will say to me."

   2. Pharaoh: Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice...? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go. (EX 5:2).

   3. King Saul, READ 2 SAMUEL 14:3, 7-14, 23


B. The Gethsemane attitude.
   1. Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah.
      Dan 3:17-18, Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace & He will deliver us from you hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve
your gods... nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.

2. Job. Tho He slay me, yet will I trust Him. (13:15).


IV. EACH OF US MANIFESTS ONE OF THESE TWO ATTITUDES AS WE FACE THE TESTS & CHALLENGES OF DAILY LIFE.

A. In marriage.
   Gen 6:2, The sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful & they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

B. In business, careers, use of time.

C. In recreation, entertainment, leisure time.

D. In religion. Convenience? Bargains? Ease?

CONCLUSION: 1 Cor 15:21-22, For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The Eden attitude brot death. It always does. The Gethsemane attitude brot everlasting life. It still does. Which will it be for you?

Thru Moses, God challenged the Israelites of old: Behold I set before you today a blessing & a curse; the blessing, if you obey the commandments
of the Lord you God which I command you today; &
the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of
the Lord your God... (Deut. 11:26-28). This
challenge is as valid today as it was then. Is your
heart right with God?

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Wrightsville, PA, December 16, 1990
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