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is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil, and then in Revelation 12:9 we read, "and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world," and certainly a remarkable parallelism to Genesis 3 where the serpent deceives Eve and Adam representing the whole world and here the dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world, and in Revelation 20, the second verse, we read, "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years." Now it surely would be reasonable to interpret these passages not that Satan is a serpent, a material serpent, but that the word serpent is figuratively used of Satan and so used in view of the fact that the serpent spoken of in Genesis 3 had been used by Satan and been Satan's instrument in bringing about the fall of man, and so I think we are justified in saying that there are not four individuals concerned in Genesis 3 but five individuals, that Satan is there as an active individual using the serpent, ^{through} speaking ~~through~~ the serpent, but that it is Satan who utilizes the serpent and the serpent is Satan's instrument in it, and so the serpent is culpable, the serpent is responsible, but Satan is more responsible and Satan and the serpent are distinct and separate even though Satan is using the serpent, at this time, and they are united in this particular activity.

Now, C, the process of the surrender. That is interesting to observe here, the process of surrender. It is interesting in order that we may understand the chapter and it is also valuable in order that we may understand that which could easily happen in the life of any one of us. There can easily come a similar process. It did not begin with a serpent coming to Eve and asking Eve to disobey God. It began with the serpent coming to Eve and questioning the Word of God. The serpent said to the woman, "Yea, hath God said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" He raises in her mind