

PREACHING No.26: HAS GOD REALLY SAID?

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By the grace of God, the brothers are working out a collection of songs appropriate for this Message. [brother Boga is in charge of that]. It is essential. We will make a selection to reach an adaptation. We will have them at home, not in the congregation. We must not recite the songs ...

[...] Notice well Genesis 3: 1-6! First, in Genesis 2:16,17 God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eve was not there and it's Adam who preached it to her. But when the serpent came, it's towards her that he went. They chatted for a while and broached the subject. Satan was really aware of that but see his reaction: *"Is it even so,"* he said: *"Is it even so, that God has said, Ye shall not eat?"* God said in verse 17 (Genesis 2): *"For in the day that thou eatest of it thou shalt certainly die"*. But the serpent said (Genesis 3:4): *"Ye will not certainly die"*. Finally, Eve doubted and ate, her eyes were opened and she had many dreams and visions as a prophet (a god). That is what happened in the beginning, that is what happens and that is lying in wait for this Message.

Before the conversion, Satan through the serpent's children was saying: *"Wait till the day when you have a stable situation, you will be able to follow God, you're too young"* or *"Put your life in order first! Do not hurry!"* Then, after the commitment, seeing his fall, he began to say: *"What is the evidence that what he says is true? What is the evidence that it is there that the Truth is?"*

And when the serpent sees this green book with you, he will say with subtlety and contempt: *"Oh, I know this book! Is it not Kacou Philip?"*. So, know that it is the same serpent who seduced Eve. Do not be distracted!

He enters some children of Belial to say that. *"What is that church where they confess their sins publicly! It is too shameful! Go elsewhere! ... What is that church that judges people while God says not to judge! How can a church burn a bible? ... It's a sect."* And it is always through the weak side that he passes and one day Satan will unveil himself saying by the great-grandsons of the serpent *"is it even so, has God really said that the Louis Segond bible is not good?"* Eve resisted for a moment but here is where the serpent is going to get her: *"But if the Louis Segond bible is not good and that he has proved it as you say, it is for all that it must be burnt? Has God really said that?"* Eve is confused, the serpent continues: *"Do not burn it! Discourage it simply!"* As in the garden of Eden, Satan will do it again through the grand-sons of the serpent pretending themselves "Christians". The serpent will take this Message and say: *"What he says, there are truths but is it for all that ..."*. You see? You are warned brothers! They said to Noah: *"You mean that it's you alone who are in the truth? What about Adam, Abel, Enoch ...?"* They said it to Jesus, the prophets, the apostles and now it's to us as if there are two truths. *"Noah! So over this whole earth, if someone does not get in your ark, God will swallow him in the flood?"* They laughed and mocked Noah. And it's the same thing today. Yet Satan will not only come just in words but in mind: *"Take a step back to see for certain!"* He will seek to take you far away from the assembly to quench you. Never yield, for all in the world, do not miss the worship. Cancel all the appointments to be to that of God. Choose to stay to worship God rather than going and bury a dead person. [...].

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