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**The Great Controversy, pt. 33: The First Great Deception
Pope's Threat: No Life Without Sunday & Eucharist. First
Great Deception & Last Great Deception**

- 1a. What is the title of chapter 33 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
- 1b. Since there was a first great deception, there must be a last great deception. Throughout this study, we will consider the issues in the first great deception, because they will be repeated in the last great deception.
2. Who is the great deceiver as we consider the last great deception? Revelation 12:9 _____
3. What happened to the great deceiver? Revelation 12:9 _____
4. Note: It does not matter how great Satan's temptations are, we can overcome because of the words of the following scripture: "Ye are of God, little children, **and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**" 1 John 4:4.
5. Who does the great deceiver deceive? Revelation 12:9 _____
6. What warning does the Lord give? 1 John 4:4,5; John 17:14-16 _____
7. Note: The great deceiver, who is Satan, is also called a serpent—Revelation 12:9. The first place that we find a serpent being used as a medium to deceive is in the Garden of Eden. See Genesis 3:1-11.
8. Read Genesis 3:1-6 and discover that Satan tempted Eve with appetite, the sin of presumption, then Eve disobeyed God and worshiped Satan. Since Satan used the three-fold temptation against Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), Satan will use the same three-fold temptation against God's people in the last great deception.
9. What warning does the Lord give to us? 1 John 2:14-17 _____
- The first great temptation was upon appetite; the second, presumption; the third, love of the world.** Satan has overcome his millions by tempting them to the indulgence of appetite. {4T 44.2} He who knew no sin was made sin for us. With this terrible weight of guilt upon Him because of our sins **He withstood the fearful test upon appetite, and upon love of the world and of honor, and pride of display which leads to presumption.** Christ endured these **three great leading temptations** and overcame in behalf of man, **working out for him a righteous character, because He knew man could not do this of himself. He knew that upon these three points Satan was to assail the race.** {3T 372.1}
10. What did the Lord say to Adam and Eve? Genesis 2:16,17 _____
11. What did Satan say to Eve? Genesis 3:1 _____
12. Note: In the first great deception, Satan questioned and challenged God's "Thou shall not." Satan brought to Eve God's words of "Thou shall not..." to lead her to reject them. The Lord's "Thou shall not" can be found in the Ten Commandments. See Exodus 20:1-17. In the last great deception, Satan will lead men to reject God's Ten Commandments, which includes Sabbath worship. See Revelation 19:19,20; Revelation 13:14,15.
13. What did Satan promise Eve if she would disobey God? Genesis 3:2-4 _____
- The only one who promised Adam life in disobedience was the great deceiver. And the declaration of the serpent to Eve in Eden--"Ye shall not surely die"--was the first sermon ever preached upon the immortality of the soul.** Yet this declaration, resting solely upon the authority of Satan, is echoed from the pulpits of Christendom and is received by the majority of mankind as readily as it was received by our first parents. **The divine sentence, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20), is made to mean: The soul that sinneth, it shall not die, but live eternally.** We cannot but wonder at the strange infatuation which renders men so credulous concerning the words of Satan and so unbelieving in regard to the words of God. {GC 533.2}
14. Note: The following scriptures contain the issues of the last great deception. Read 1 Timothy 4:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 John 2:18; 2 John 1:7; Romans 8:3,4; Matthew 1:21.
15. Note: **"Ye shall not surely die"--was the first sermon ever preached upon the immortality of the soul.** However the Bible teaches that God alone have immortality. See 1 Timothy 6:13-16. We can receive immortality only through the gospel and obedience at the second coming of Jesus. Read 2 Timothy 1:10 (Revelation 14:6-12); Romans 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.
16. Note: **"Ye shall not surely die"--was the first sermon ever preached upon the immortality of the soul.** People who believe that people are naturally immortal believe that a "good" person goes to heaven when he/she die.
- If it were true that the souls of all men passed directly to heaven at the hour of dissolution, then we might well covet death rather than life. **Many have been led by this belief to put an end to their existence. When overwhelmed with trouble, perplexity, and disappointment, it seems an easy thing to break the brittle thread of life and soar away into the bliss of the eternal world.** {GC 539.2}
17. However, what does the Bible say regarding death? Job 14:10-15,21; Isaiah 38:18,19; Acts 2:29-34; Psalm 6:5; Psalm 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9:5,6,10; Psalm 115:17 _____

18. Note: Jesus did not teach that at the point of death, we go to heaven. The faithful ascend to heaven at the second advent of Jesus. See John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.

19. Note: **"Ye shall not surely die"--was the first sermon ever preached upon the immortality of the soul.** People who believe that people are naturally immortal believe that an "evil" person goes to hell when he/she die and begin to burn for his/her sins. The Papacy has spread these deceptions in the world to destroy God's character and to deceive souls. See Revelation 14:8; Revelation 17:2; Revelation 18:2 (the wine of Babylon, the Papacy—Proverbs 20:1 and Proverbs 31:4,5). Satan used Eve, a woman, to lead Adam to sin. Therefore, in the last great deception, Satan will use the church to deceive people.

20. Where will hell's fire burn and for how long? Revelation 20:8-10,14 (1 Samuel 1:22,28) Jude 1:5-7; 2 Peter 2:6; 2 Peter 3:10; Malachi 4:1. Revelation 14:9,10

21. What do many people believe, as they say God is too loving to destroy the wicked? _____

A large class to whom the doctrine of eternal torment is revolting are driven to the opposite error. They see that the Scriptures represent God as a being of love and compassion, and they cannot believe that He will consign His creatures to the fires of an eternally burning hell. **But holding that the soul is naturally immortal, they see no alternative but to conclude that all mankind will finally be saved.** Many regard the threatenings of the Bible as designed merely to frighten men into obedience, and not to be literally fulfilled. Thus the sinner can live in selfish pleasure, disregarding the requirements of God, and yet expect to be finally received into His favor. {GC 537.1}

22. What did the Lord say to Eve and do to both Adam and Eve after they sinned? Genesis 2:16,17 and Genesis 3:23,24 _____

23. The rebellious and unrepentant life of Cain is recorded in scripture to show why the Lord has to put an end to Satan, sin and unrepentant sinners. See Genesis 4:1-24 and Genesis 6:5,11.

24. **Could those whose lives have been spent in rebellion against God be suddenly transported to heaven and witness the high, the holy state of perfection that ever exists there,-- every soul filled with love, every countenance beaming with joy, enrapturing music in melodious strains rising in honor of God and the Lamb, and ceaseless streams of light flowing upon the redeemed from the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne,--could those whose hearts are filled with hatred of God, of truth and holiness, mingle with the heavenly throng and join their songs of praise? Could they endure the glory of God and the Lamb? No, no;** years of probation were granted them, that they might form characters for heaven; but they have never trained the mind to love purity; they have never learned the language of heaven, and now it is too late. A life of rebellion against God has unfitted them for heaven. **Its purity, holiness, and peace would be torture to them; the glory of God would be a consuming fire. They would long to flee from that holy place. They would welcome destruction, that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them.** The destiny of the wicked is fixed by their own choice. Their exclusion from heaven is voluntary with themselves, and just and merciful on the part of God. {GC 542.2}

25. Note: The issues of the first great deception will be repeated in the last great deception and the last great deception will come to an end. Read Revelation 20:2,3,8,10.

26. What is the context of the following words of Jesus? Matthew 24:1-4 _____

27. How shall come to deceive? Matthew 24:5 _____

28. Note: If the "Christ" is coming to deceive, it must be the antichrist.

29. What does the Lord say? 1 John 2:18; 2 John 1:7 _____

30. If it were possible who would be deceived? Matthew 24:24 _____

31. What did they call Jesus, the one who came to save them? John 7:12; Matthew 27:63 _____

32. Read John 15:20 and write down your thoughts _____

33. Read 1 John 1:8 and write down your thoughts _____

34. See the video sermon for the current events. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-CeTtz-5Aw&lc=UgwjRkU84wLbi6L1R-I4AaABAg>