TEMPTATION + FALL Gen. 3

Introduction - picture of happiness + plenty - innocent - at peace with God - mortal but with capacity for immortality
woman alone - near the forbidden tree - idle.
Free will - power of choice -

The Tempter approaches - 3:1
Subtle, keen, crafty, powerful, careful, persistent, persevering
The woman weak, off-guard, alone, defenseless
Seeks to excite curiosity, to cause mistrust of God
to focus attention on the one prohibition, to create doubt as to God's goodness, to beget discontent with present state.

The woman leaps to defend God - 3:2,3 "we may eat" -
Corrects the false statement of the tempter - curiosity aroused physical cravings awakened - doubt - admits restraint
(Fatal error to talk with him at all)

a bold denial - 3:4 "You shall not die" - no penalty - no consequences of sin - no danger - no harm -

a cruel charge 3:5 accuses God of being selfish, unkind envious, mean. "You are being cheated" - shut out from full enjoyment - appeals to desire for knowledge ambition to know + curiosity.

Yielding to temptation 3:6 looked, craved, mystery one taste spelled ruin. all guards down - "she saw, she ate, she gave, he ate" - free will - Satan could tempt but not compel - deliberate choice to please self + disobey God - desire for companionship in guilt -

The consequences - shame - embarrassed -