

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy Chapter III The Temptation And Fall | Episode 5

The angels cautioned Eve not to separate from her husband in her employment; for she might be brought in contact with this fallen foe. If separated from each other, they would be in greater danger than if both were together. The angels charged them to closely follow the instructions God had given them in reference to the tree of knowledge; for in perfect obedience they were safe, and this fallen foe could then have no power to deceive them. God would not permit Satan to follow the holy pair with continual temptations. He could have access to them only at the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Adam and Eve assured the angels that they should never transgress the express command of God; for it was their highest pleasure to do his will. The angels united with Adam and Eve in holy strains of harmonious music; and as their songs pealed forth from blissful Eden, Satan heard the sound of their strains of joyful adoration to the Father and Son. And as Satan heard it, his envy, hatred, and malignity, increased, and he expressed his anxiety to his followers to incite them (Adam and Eve) to disobedience, and at once bring down the wrath of God upon them, and change their songs of praise to hatred, and curses to their Maker.

Satan assumes the form of a serpent, and enters Eden. The serpent was a beautiful creature, with wings; and while flying through the air, his appearance was bright, resembling burnished gold. He did not go upon the ground, but went from place to place through the air, and ate fruit like man. Satan entered into the serpent, and took his position in the tree of knowledge, and commenced leisurely eating of the fruit.

Eve, unconsciously at first, separated from her husband in her employment. When she became aware of the fact, she felt that there might be danger; but again she thought herself secure, even if she did not remain close by the side of her husband. She had wisdom and strength to know if evil came, and to meet it. This the angels had cautioned her not to do. Eve found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the fruit of the forbidden tree. She saw it was very lovely, and was reasoning with herself why God had so decidedly prohibited their eating or touching it. Now was Satan's opportunity. He addressed her as though he was able to divine her thoughts: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Thus, with soft and pleasant words, and with musical voice, he addressed the wondering Eve. She was startled to hear a serpent speak. He extolled her beauty and exceeding loveliness, which was not displeasing to Eve. But she was amazed, for she knew that to the serpent God had not given the power of speech.

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“Reflecting God’s Love, Advancing God’s Kingdom”

Welcome

Welcome to the East Auckland City Seventh-day Adventist Church.
We pray that your time with us will be blessed as we worship together.

Tonight Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 16th April 7:00pm

Speaker: Pastor Tehui Leverd

Topic: Prevailing Prayer : The Power of Prayer and Fasting - Matthew 17:21

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Topic: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Elder Adam Weal

Title: The Third Angel's Message: The Mark of the Beast

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Then he said to me, 'Write: "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" ' And he said to me, 'These are the true sayings of God' " (Revelation 19:9, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 5:51pm Date: 18 th April 2025	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Apr 20 th - Apr 25 th Elder Samuel & Sister Gladys
End Time: 5:49pm Date: 19 th April 2025	Divine Service Offering Education NZ Offering North New Zealand Conference	Duty 2: Apr 20 th - Apr 25 th Elder Samuel & Sister Gladys

VISITORS

Welcome to our visitors and newcomers. Please let our greeters know that you are visiting today. We would like to officially welcome you, and we are so happy to have join us.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE – BROTHER GLEN EVERARD DURHAM

In this time of profound sorrow, remember that you are not alone in your grief, and that God's love and comfort are always with you. Focus on the love and memories you shared with your brother Glen Everard Durham born 22nd December 1945 and passed peacefully to rest in the Lord 8th April 2025, and may we find solace in knowing that Brother Glen is now at peace.

"The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

A SAD FAREWELL

Our dear Sister Lois Chirume is relocating to Australia. We are grateful for the time and experience that she has afforded us and will be sad to see this lovely lady leave us. A formal farewell with gift and card will be presented by Elder Ross Davidson on Sabbath, 19th April with support from Sister Talei before 11am service. We wish her all the very best in her new endeavours. Much love and God bless from your EACSDA family.

DONATION TAX SUMMARIES

Donation Tax Summaries These have now been emailed out. For those who do not have email, there are printed copies on the info desk. If you would also like a printed copy or have any questions, please see one of our Treasury Team.

NEW PRAYER MEETING VENUE

With the new setup for Children's Ministry in Seminar Room, Prayer Meetings will now be held in the main EA Church Sanctuary every Wednesday at 7pm.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SABBATH SCHOOL

Please bring your little ones by 9:30am on Sabbath to enjoy their time with Jesus. We also have Beginner to Primary classes to be at Sabbath School by 9:30am for our new full program. This is an exciting new time for the children and for you as parents

REMINDERS | CHURCH SECURITY & LOCK UP

1. We remind all persons accessing IT room to lock and secure the room when closing down for the day e.g. Sabbath or any event at EA Church.
2. All persons who have access to church alarms to turn off security alarms and turn on security alarms to complete the process to arm and disarm security alarms at any time during the week and at weekends.
3. As a general condition we request **No Food to be eaten in the Church Sanctuary** anywhere or the immediate area at any time and including IT Room.
4. **PLEASE! NO CHEWING GUM** is to be bought into the EA Church facility at any time.
5. We ask that all parents keep their children close to them whilst at church. Anyone under the age of 12 years old should have a parent with them at **ALL** times. No child is to be left wandering around the church for health and safety reasons. For any safety issues, please see Brother Samuelu Crichton.

ELDERS F.A.S.T. MISSION TRAINING

Elders FAST Training scheduled on Sabbath 12 April at 3.30pm will now be held on Sabbath, 26 April at 3.30pm and continue Sabbath, 3 May at 3.30pm and Sabbath 10 May at 3.30pm all Elder meetings are in person and church zoom link option

PLEASE HELP - COMMUNITY SERVICES

Some of our local church members are facing some hard times and are seeking help with groceries. Our supplies are extremely low at the moment, and we kindly ask for any donations of food, toiletries and cleaning materials so we can assist our families. All contributions will be much appreciated. Thank you.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If anyone would like a copy of the Business meeting minutes to see Sister Talei or contact Sister Talei on 0211260940 or taleibuwawa@gmail.com.

****MILA NEEDS A BOARDER****

Sister Mila is looking for a female boarder. 136 Ti Rakau Drive. \$200 per week inclusive of WiFi water and electricity. Car parking space available. Call on 020 4025 9838

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Junior Camp | Tui Ridge | 22nd April – 25th April 2025
2. Eldership FAST Training | Sabbath 26th April | 3.30pm | In person & on Zoom (Church Link)
3. Next EA Church Board Meeting | Sunday 27th April | 5.30pm | Zoom only option (Church Link)
4. Revival with Pastor Jean-Noel Adeline from Weimer University | 30th May to 1st June 2025

Prayer Requests

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18.

"Keep His praise in your heart from morning till night. Speak not one word of repining, but ask for the healing power of God to come to your heart and mind. Be cheerful and hopeful. Praise the Lord..." EGW

- 🙏 Praise God for whom all blessings flow! For His wonderful and attractive attributes of Love, Purity and Righteousness meditate on these.
- 🙏 For trials and suffering God allows to strengthen our Faith and hold on Him, pray for fresh eyes of God's Spirit to endure and learn lesson in the midst of trials.
- 🙏 For the baptism of Holy Spirit to empower our leaders in the frontline, Pastor Tehui and family, Elders and their families, Deacons and Deaconess, Board members and Ministry leadership team.
- 🙏 Pray for church evangelism plans 2025 and prayerfully prepare your heart and family for God's mission and harvest in our East Auckland suburb.
- 🙏 Please lift up in prayer our Pastor Kris Kumar and Sister Daphne. They have been going through some difficult times lately. Let's offer up a special prayer to the Lord for His grace and mercy upon them both.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer our aunty Gladys and family mourning the loss of their mother and grandmother. For the Holy Spirit to comfort and bless them with peace that surpasses all understanding and hope of Christ second coming.
- 🙏 Keep close in prayers our Sinclair family, who are mourning the loss of their brother Glen. For the Holy Spirit's comfort, healing and renewed hope of reunion with Jesus by God's grace.
- 🙏 Specific prayer for our sister Lewa and children's visa in process. God's hand and will to prevail upon their family and His comforting arm over them.
- 🙏 Keep close in prayers our Daniel's family mourning the loss of sister Karen. Especially her dear daughter Daniella and son Moimoi for Holy Spirit's comfort, healing and renewed hope of reunion with Jesus and mom by God's grace.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer the Youth for their Week of Prayer. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be upon them at each venue.
- 🙏 Continuous prayers upon each care-group, to continue strong in the Lord with missional mindset and hunger for God and burden of souls.
- 🙏 Pray for the harvest around East Auckland community and ways how you, an individual, and a family can witness for Jesus to those around you.
- 🙏 Pray for outpouring of Holy Spirit upon our North New Conference, Union and leadership team. For the World church, leaders and pastors, local and abroad to live for God's glory and move in the power of God's Holy Spirit.
- 🙏 Pray for all in our church family who are struggling to make ends meet, fill their pantries and pay their rent. Also a special prayer for those looking for work.
- 🙏 Pray for Brother John Corbett, Brother Fesaitu Vamarasi, Brother Toa Alofia, Brother Sam Vaitohi for health wellness and any others who are in ill health for full restoration according to His will.

**They will be included in our prayer list for the next 30 days.
If you have a prayer request please contact Sister Penny at pnakuta679@gmail.com**