

A Study On The Women Of The Bible - Eve

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15

Eden is often translated as “delight” or by way of a Persian word, “paradise.”

And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” Genesis 2:16-17

There you are. A simple commandment. Not ten of them, just one: “Thou shalt not eat.” (Personally I wish the very first edict from God hadn’t involved dieting, don’t you?) Diets....

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Genesis 2:18

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Genesis 2:21

Why the man’s rib? Perhaps because when it comes to the human skeletal structure, one rib isn’t exactly a load-bearing wall. Plus, from an emotional standpoint, God wisely chose the bone nearest the man’s heart as a gentle reminder to keep his helpmate close by his side—physically, emotionally, spiritually.

Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Genesis 2:22

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” Genesis 2:23

Adam looks at Eve and gets poetic..

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

Marriage was instituted on the spot and ordained by God, “not as a civil contract but as a divine institution.”⁶ One man, one woman, one flesh. We need never doubt what God’s perfect will is on this issue. One mate for life. How it behooves us to choose wisely!

The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. Genesis 2:25

God’s perfect will for marriage

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” Genesis 3:1 Mistake 1-Satan twisted the words of God. By twisting the Lord’s decree, Satan also tossed out one of the big stumbling blocks he still uses with great success today—making God look less than fair, kind, or loving. “Would a good God allow that?”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden ...” Genesis 3:2 ... but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” Genesis 3:3 Mistake 2- Eve repeated (added to) the Words of God wrong or maybe she was told wrong?

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. Genesis 3:4

So far, this might have sounded like good news to her. It does to us. When Jesus said, “He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die,”¹⁰ that was the best news in town. Still is. What’s the difference? Jesus prefaced that statement by saying, “I am the resurrection and the life,”¹¹ but the serpent made no such claim or promise. He didn’t offer the woman life, let alone life after death; the serpent offered the woman knowledge—a knowledge which led to death.

For God knows that when you eat of it ...” Genesis 3:5 The serpent subtly shifted the conversation away from the Word of God and toward the desires of man, all the while invoking God’s name. Not “God said” though; now it’s “God knows.”

...and you will be like God ...” Genesis 3:5

Satan still peddles this lie today with great success. Most of the false philosophies and religions making the rounds have this lie at their heart: You are God.

She stopped looking to God for the truth.

She stopped looking to her husband for shared counsel.

She stopped looking at the good, wholesome fruit already available to her.

She even stopped looking to the serpent for direction.

Notice: The serpent never said another word. He didn’t have to. His temptation was complete. The seeds of his deception had fallen on fertile ground.

Oh if Eve would have seen through the make -believe!

...she took some ... Genesis 3:6

The Lie of the fruit that really whetted the woman’s appetite—the wisdom, the knowledge. Her ego longed to be equal with God, to have that much understanding and creativity and power. Where was Solomon when we needed him to remind her that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge”?¹⁵ The book of Proverbs was eons away—but God and his Word were not. They were right there in the garden, walking with the two of them. If she desired wisdom, all she needed to do was ask, as Solomon did, and God would no doubt have given her all she could handle. But our girl Eve wanted a shortcut to wisdom. Are we wanting short cuts?

... and ate it. Genesis 3:6

One commentary phrased it this way: “With rationalization and justification Eve was soon in rebellion against God.”¹⁶ This translation of the verse says it all: “The woman was convinced” (NLT).

It’s incredible and devastating. The entire axis of human history rotated on six words: “She took some and ate it.” The fall of man. No high drama, no lightning bolts, no musical score full of kettledrums and trumpet blasts. Just the soft, juicy sound of the woman’s teeth piercing the skin of the forbidden fruit. When we sin we might not see the devastation of sin right away.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened ... Genesis 3:7

Interesting. God told them they would die, but the serpent told them their eyes would be opened. The serpent was victorious... For the moment. **Heb. 11:25 Sin is pleasurable for a season.**

But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:9

God calls to us even in the deepest of sin and places of life.

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked?” Genesis 3:11

There’s a sermon that I have given before, called “Who told you that?” Addressing the lies of satan and our own thoughts.

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Genesis 3:12

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” Genesis 3:13

Blame Shifting, finger pointing, throwing someone under the bus...

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. Genesis 3:20

After all this, Adam finally names this person God handmade for him...Did you realize she didn't have a name before this?

Eve was a rib, a woman, a wife, but then...also someone that disobeyed, destroyed the perfect world God had created, we can also say she was a sinner... Finally then she got her name.

The quote that says, Satan calls you by your sins but God calls you by your name. No matter what we have done, God still calls forth our purpose. When we receive Jesus, God sees us the way he made us.

What Lessons Can We Learn from Eve?

#1 Don't get into a debate with Satan—get out! We can't stop the Adversary from whispering in our ears, but we can refuse to listen, and we can definitely refuse to respond.

#2 Know God's Word so you won't be fooled. When the serpents in our lives say, “Did God really say ...?”

#3 Watch out for the Big Three. Women are physical, emotional, and spiritual in nature, and all three areas have their weak spots. In Eve's case, the serpent sank his fangs into all three, by appealing to her physical appetite for food, her emotional appreciation of beauty, and her spiritual desire to be like God. Satan uses exactly the same tactics today. He's not creative in the least, just persistent. By identifying our weaknesses in all three areas, then arming ourselves with biblical defense methods, we can keep from experiencing our own daily (hourly!) reenactment of the Fall. **For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:16**

#4 Let's avoid the blame game.

God gave us his Spirit to empower us, his Word to strengthen us, and his Son to catch us when we fall. We have no one to blame but ourselves when we choose to sin. And no one to thank but our Creator when he chooses to save us from our sins ... again.

Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:24-25