

Genesis 3:6

THE WOMAN WHO TURNED TEMPTRESS

Text: Genesis 3:6: “And when the woman [Eve] saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband [Adam] with her; and he did eat.”

In the most beautiful Garden were all kinds and colors of flowers, shrubs, trees, vines, moss, birds, butterflies, and everything pleasant. There were no briars, weeds, or thistles, but every fragrance of God's perfume. There was no disease, pain, sorrow, or death, but all was perfect. It was what the wisdom of God could make it to enrapture the heart and life of sinless man and woman. What the infinite Creator has wrought is beyond all of our understanding or imagination. He has taught all His creatures from the least of these miracles, that each one is fulfilling the Master Creator's plan and purpose.



In this beautiful Garden -- not a jungle for survival of the fittest, but a paradise of heaven on Earth -- is where the fall of mankind occurred, not in some alley, slum, or depression, but in the midst of peace, plenty, and privilege. This fact destroys the social gospel, i.e. man's nature changed by his environment and education. His surroundings do not change his nature. It is like a pig in a parlor. Environment is not enough. We must choose God's way, and obedience is the only safe way.

In Matthew 19:4-6 it says: ⁴ And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He [God] Who made them at the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

In the bliss of an unclouded day with perfect love and understanding, an ideal marriage was performed by God. Ideal, furthermore, with fact that the Lord walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. While they were for each other, they were made for His own fellowship and enjoyment. Adam enjoyed the undimmed fellowship of His Father.

With everything else perfect, God expected perfect obedience. Eve listened to satan's line of shrewd arguments and fell. Immediately she became a temptress.

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When she committed evil, satan entered her heart and now was able to work thru her. Now he was able to abandon his cause onto her. Just as Potipher's wife tried to seduce Joseph, or as the daughter of the Philistines in Timnath who was Samson's wife distressed him until he revealed the riddle to her (Judges 14:1-17), or as Delilah wept over Samson to get the secret of his strength, Adam also weakened, fully knowing the consequences. So he made a deliberate choice. He chose the presence of this woman whom he loved with sin, rather than have holiness without her. No one will ever know the love he had until revealed by the Spirit.

God placed a two-fold curse on her for her transgression, and then placed a two-

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fold curse on Adam. In the midst of the curse there came a promise. (Genesis 3:15). Eve knew this promise and understood it, and thru her Christ has come. That is why she has led man in all things pertaining to the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of what God has done for her, she has been full of gratitude, love, and adoration for Him.

The curse remains on man also to this day to let all mankind know that God keeps his word, that they fell from Grace, and that sin must be punished.

How Eve fell from Holiness

There is a remarkable difference between, "*shall surely die*" and "*lest ye die*". This weakening of God's word (as done by the Jehovah Witnesses) makes for an open split in her spiritual armor into which satan thrusts his fiery darts. Many today lose out with God by toning down

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the Word of God on *Holiness*. God means all He says; and for us to modify the Words in the Bible with nice phrases of our own is dangerous.

When we say *lest* where God says *surely*, we are like Eve and on the verge of falling. If our faith is unwavering, and held in the

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Word, we will never fall. We can fall from holiness by the same manner of unbelief as Eve when we do not live by, in, and for the Word. Eve lost by substituting, and so will you. It is as important to know how sin enters the heart as it is to know how to get it out.

“The woman saw”. The five senses form the gateway to the soul. The eye is the most used of satan for seductive, vain, and foolish objects which result in seeing thru the devil’s eyes.

“Good for food”. The belly -- the appetite -- is next to be kindled to a flame. It is an unlawful use of the stomach. *“When lust hath conceived . . .”* (James 1:15).

“Pleasant to the eyes”. It was fascinating, pleasing, and enticing to weaken her will. His objective was to present it to the mind.

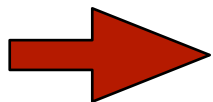
“Desired to make one wise.” Perversion of reason -- science, culture, education, appealing to flesh, and made so by the devil. But sin is unreasonable and next to impossible to commit until the first -- reason -- is poisoned or perverted by lies.

There is unprofitable knowledge in every generation leading thousands into sin. Satan needed to get a spell on Eve's reason before he could dethrone her sanctified will, so he presented earthly knowledge that appeared to be more charming than spiritual knowledge. This device blinded and bewitched her reason, resulting in false reasoning. This old trick of satan is being used more successfully today to draw one's mind away from God. The best examples are the television and the internet. The heart is deceiving the head.

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“She took of the fruit and did eat.” Next is the revolt of the will. This act of the will gave birth to sin. Lust, when conceived in the heart, brings forth very soon sin in the act of the will, and sin, when it is finished, brings guilt and finally spiritual death to the soul.

“She gave to her husband and he did eat.” The next step after committing sin is to communicate it to others. She began to scatter death. So today, if a child of God commits one act of sin and does not fly immediately to Jesus with full confession for pardon and for cleansing, he will find, like Eve, that the act of one wrong is spreading into a terrible harvest.



Sin is in opposition to the authority and Will of God,