



Eve

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The temptation and the fall of man created the knowledge of sin for humans. Eve was the first to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Both Adam and Eve were made without a blemish. Eve was created old and was never a child, but she still had the heart of one. Relying on the Lord and taking what she could from Him was an indication of her dependence. Just as a mother teaches her children, God had protected and taught her. God showed her and Adam how to depend on each other but still on Him. We know this because God gave Adam power over all beasts and allowed him to name them.

Purity was her blessing from God. She was named the “Mother of all Living” by Adam (Gen. 3:20). Then, being a mother and a child at heart added to her individuality. God created both she and Adam in His own image.

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27

God gave them everything they needed; they lived in paradise. But Eve’s curiosity and her willingness to listen to the serpent caused her to sin. Her first mistake was listening to what the serpent had to say. When you get in a conversation with the devil, he is able to maneuver around your weaknesses. The serpent as the Holy Bible says was *“more cunning than any beast of the field.”* (Gen. 3:1) So she listened. He asked her a simple question, just as a conversation starter.

Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Genesis 3:1

Before the serpent came Eve believed God without question. He said “don’t eat” and she did not question Him. When she found the serpent questioning it, it made her start to think. Even then told the serpent that God said to eat from all the trees of the garden except from the tree in the midst or death would be upon them. The serpent twisted God’s words and Eve began to doubt God. He said, *“You will not surely die.”* (Gen. 3:4) The word ‘surely’ here indicates that the

serpent knew what God’s intent was. Satan can add only one word and change the meaning of something without us even realizing it. But the serpent then spoke for God when he said *“For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”* (Gen. 3:5)

The devil started with Eve at her level. He asked a simple question that led to her committing sin. She should have avoided the conversation completely, as we should. Because of Satan’s wits and deceit, he will cause us to fall into sin if we leave our minds ready for him to. Satan wanted to convince Eve that God did not have her best interest in mind, that God wanted to hide something from her.

The second mistake she committed was giving the fruit to Adam. Causing others to fall into sin is more dangerous for us because sin multiplies. For example, today if someone from the youth uses bad language and someone else hears him and uses that same language, God will hold both accountable for the sin.

After they sinned they realized they were naked. God asked them, *“Who told you that you were naked?”* (Gen. 3:11) Adam and Eve were ashamed of their sin because they hid from God. It made them feel uneasy with God as if they could not communicate with Him. Therefore, sin separates man from God. Also, they would not have made clothes for themselves if they did not KNOW they were naked. Then, sin is the knowledge of evil.

The best way for us to hold our purity is to avoid a conversation with Satan. We should not leave our minds open or ready to listen to him because he only needs a moment with us, and we will be convinced to sin, sometimes without realizing. Sin makes you realize your weakness and purity is when you have avoided that weakness. We do not want to live ashamed or hide from God because it will put a wall in our hearts between God and us. Staying extremely close to God will help us achieve the purity and perfection he wants from us.



“Miniature of Adam and Eve on two folios of Holy Book of Genesis.”