

WHO AM I LORD?

Eve – Perfection Lost

Lesson #1

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. II Cor. 11:3

Section 1: Read Genesis 1:26-28 & 2:18-22

In this section we see that paradise had a problem and Eve was created to solve this problem. She is created as an “ezer kenegdo” for Adam. A word that is hard to translate because it does mean helper and companion but suggests so much more. A better translation might be lifesaver.

1. a. According to Genesis 2:18 & 20b, what problem did Paradise have?
 - b. God brings every living creature before Adam knowing that no suitable helper would be found; but through this process allows a longing for a companion to work itself into Adam. Describe a time when God showed you that you needed someone and couldn't do it alone.
 - c. Adam was looking for a queen for his garden. What needs did Adam have that only Eve could fulfill? What attributes of women complement those of men?
2. The word translated “helper” is the word “ezer kenegdo.” It's found 20 other places in the Old Testament and in every instance refers to God. After reading several of these verses, how would **you** translate the thoughts behind being an “ezer kenegdo?” (Deut. 33:29; Ps. 20:1-2; 33:20; & 121:1-2)
3. What does it say about God's nature that He is willing to allow His creation to make choices for herself?
4. After blessing Adam & Eve, what charge did He give them in Gen. 1:28 regarding:
 - (1) Themselves _____
 - (2) The earth _____
 - (3) Fish, birds & all living creatures _____

Section 2: Read Genesis 2:22-25

In this section we see that we are designed by God to physically become one flesh. We will learn from today's scriptures that the beautiful union between husband and wife was God's idea. Satan has twisted sex and made it into something it was never intended to be. It is up to us to teach our sons and daughters what God says about sex. One day our relationships will be made perfect again but until that day we must strive always to live in unity and love as Jesus prayed for us to in John chapter 17.

5. Adam recognizes his perfect helper/lifesaver and immediately brings up becoming one flesh. What insight does this give you into what Adam thought about Eve?

6. a. According to verse 25, in what condition were Adam and Eve?
 - b. How would it affect your relationships if you felt no need to put on, cover up or perform?

 - c. Every woman knows she isn't what she was meant to be because we were created for perfection but how can we use this longing for perfection in a positive way? (Phil. 3:12-14, Col. 1:28 & Heb. 10:14)

7. a. In creating genders, God shows us diversity within unity. We are different but still created in His image. According to Gen. 1:31, what did God think of this diversity in creation?
 - b. How is diversity in the church family described in I Cor. 12:12-31?

 - c. How does Satan try to use our diversity against us?

 - d. Eve brought the gift of relationship to the garden. She was someone for Adam to share and dream with. As a woman, what gifts do you bring to both your physical and spiritual families?

Section 3: Read Genesis 3

In this section we see Eve's deception by Satan, the father of lies/the great deceiver. We learn that there will always be enmity between women and Satan. Enmity means more than just hate. This word implies a deep rooted hatred and irreconcilable hostility. This is a hate so profound it is destined to not only exist perpetually but to deepen and expand. We see that after the fall of mankind everything changed and all of creation longs for the perfection lost. We also see God's mercy extended.

8. The serpent used two weapons to bring about the fall of humankind. Describe how he used each of the following against Adam and Eve:

Deception: _____

Woman's Power of Influence: _____

9. a. According to Gen. 3:6, why did Eve eat the fruit?
- b. Satan convinced Eve that God was holding out on her and that He didn't really mean what He said. Describe a time when you felt you were missing out on something or couldn't trust God's word and decided to take things into your own hands. (II Cor. 11:3)
10. Eve thought she was giving good advice to Adam when she gave him the fruit. What lesson do we learn from this regarding giving counsel when we have moved outside of the wisdom of God? (Proverbs 3:5) Have you learned this lesson the hard way?
11. Eve knew the difference between right and wrong but it wasn't enough to protect her from sin. Just like Eve we are likely to sin but what protection do we have today? (Rom. 8:26, I Pet. 2:24, I John 3:5-6 & Rev. 1:5)
12. With the fall everything changed. List several of those changes from Genesis 3.
- Vs. 7: _____
- Vs. 8: _____
- Vs. 10: _____
- Vs. 14: _____
- Vs. 15: _____
- Vs. 16: _____
- Vs. 17-19: _____
- Vs. 23: _____
13. a. We often lose what we have because we fail to remember our purpose. What was Eve's purpose?
- b. Share a time when you forgot your purpose. What was the result?
14. a. What promise did God make to Eve and the serpent in verse 15?
- b. According to scripture, how is this played out? (Luke 1:31-33 & I Cor. 15:21-27)

Section 4: Genesis 4:1-9, 25

In this section we learn that Eve has moved on since leaving the Garden and as her name implies she is a life giver and the mother of all who have life. As women today, we not only bring life into this world through the birth of our children but we are to bring others to the true source of life our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

15. a. Eve gives birth to Cain and then Abel. Describe the differences in these sons.

b. Why were both of these sons lost to her?

16. a. What is Eve blessed with in verse 25?

b. To whom does she give the glory and what does this say about her relationship with God even after so much loss in her life?

Section 5: Conclusion and Application

Our enemy prowls around and watches us to discover our weaknesses just like he did Eve. Do we always trust God to reveal what we need to know when we need to know it or do we insist on knowing all the details and having all of our whys answered? God is omniscient and can handle knowing all things good and evil without responding with sin, weakness, horror or despair. How many times have we begged someone, “go ahead and tell me” and then we flip out? What God initiates He equips us to handle. He provides the grace we need but when we sinfully gain information it will cost us dearly.

17. a. What obstacles did Eve face that kept her from being who God intended her to be?

b. Which of these can you relate to? Why?

18. List at least 12 words or phrases that describe who **you** are today.

19. Just like Eve you have a great deal of influence over those around you. It might not always seem like it but they hear your voice. What do you want them to be hearing?

“We cannot become what we were created to be until we remember who we are.”

Lisa Bevere author of Fight Like a Girl