

EVE

Genesis 1:27, "And God created man in his image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

--- After creating Adam from the dust God said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a suitable help for him." So far the text describes all of creation as "very good", but now it speaks of something that is not good. --- Animals had companions because when God created them God commanded them to bear fruit, but Adam had no companion.

--- Genesis 2:21, "Then the Lord God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, and while Adam was sleeping, he took one of his ribs, and closed the flesh in its place. And out of the rib which Jehovah God took from man, he made a woman, and brought her to the man."

- Without a doubt she was a beautiful woman and did not need makeup or hair dyes. It was the creation of God Himself and its beauty cannot be doubted.

--- Use your imagination a little: What did Adam say when God "brought her to man"? Beautiful, how beautiful! Is she all mine?

--- Imagine, she had no parents, no in-laws, no siblings, no past lovers, no past unpleasant experiences.

--- The blessings that result from marriage are not only to give sexual satisfaction, but for her to be a good wife, mother, and homemaker. Marriage is for the mutual happiness of man and woman.

--- It was good that he had a wife, a helper, spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially. He needed someone with whom to share his life, someone to love, someone to have children with, since God's command was to multiply and fill the earth.

--- Genesis 2:23, "Adam said then, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this will be called Varona, because from the male it was taken.

--- Genesis 2:24 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall be united to his wife, and they shall be one flesh."

--- With this we begin to learn the importance of women in the world. **Man needs a companion.** Man is not independent and complete being alone. This is only the first fact that exalts the role of women.} --- Genesis 1:28, "And God blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it, and lord over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the beasts that move upon the earth.

---²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you every seed-bearing plant, which is upon all the earth, and every tree in which there is fruit and which gives seed; they shall be unto eat.

---³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to all the birds of the air, and to all that crawls on the earth, in which there is life, every green plant will be to eat. And it was.

---³¹And God saw all that he had done, and behold, it was very good. And it was afternoon and morning on the sixth day.

--- Of course this commandment of God emphasizes and glorifies the role of women because it would be indispensable to carry out this plan of God.

--- **Adam and Eve's life in the Garden of Eden was perfect. There was perfect food, all kinds of vegetables and fruit, meat of all kinds (animals, birds, fish). There was no weed.**

--- Genesis 2:15-17 ¹⁵So the Lord God took man, and put him in the Garden of Eden, that he might till and keep him."

--- But that work of tending the garden was not like the work outside the garden of Eden.

--- Genesis 2:16 ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded man, saying, Of every tree in the garden you may eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die."

--- Genesis 3:1-6 But the serpent was cunning, more than all the animals of the field that Jehovah God had made; which said to the woman, "So God has said to you, Do not eat of every tree in the garden?"

--- Man created in the image of God has free will, and it was necessary to prove that he loves God and obeys God.

---²And the woman answered the serpent:

--- first step of sin, argue with Satan. Better to simply say, "The Lord rebuke you" (Jude 9).

--- Resist and he will flee. Jesus, Matt. 4, It is written.

--- "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we can eat; ³But of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden God said, Ye shall not eat of it, nor shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, Thou shalt not die; ⁵But 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. ⁶ And the woman saw that the tree was good to eat, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a covetable tree to attain wisdom; and she took of its fruit, and ate; and she gave also to her husband, who ate as she did."

--- 1 John 2:15-17. Another disastrous step: allowing Satan to sow doubt about God's Word. (e.g., hell.)

--- Adam and Eve had everything but they were not happy with having everything, they wanted more and better. They wanted what God had forbidden. They wanted what could destroy everything good, everything perfect, that they had in that garden.

--- READ YOUR OWN BIBLE. Eve learned the prohibition by Adam's word. Many never read their own Bible, only hear and accept the words of husbands, fathers, other relatives, the pastor, the priest or someone else. This is super dangerous because in the Last Judgment everyone will be alone before God, they will not have their "teacher" or religious guide to help or defend Him.

--- Genesis 3:17-19 ¹⁷And to the man he said, For thou hast obeyed the voice of thy wife, and ate of the tree which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed shall be the earth for thy sake's sake; with sorrow thou shalt ye eat of it all the days of thy life. ¹⁸Hawthorns and thistles will produce you, and you will eat plants from the field. ¹⁹With the sweat of your face you shall eat the bread until you return to the earth, for you were taken from it; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

--- 1 Timothy 2:12-15, "For I do not permit a woman to teach, nor to exercise dominion over man, but to be silent. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being deceived, incurred transgression. ¹⁵But he shall be saved by begetting children, if he abides in faith, love, and sanctification, with modesty."

--- As for salvation they are equal. Gal. 3:28; 1 Peter 3:7.

--- 1 Corinthians 11:8-12 For the male does not proceed from the woman, but the woman from the male, ⁹ and neither was the male created for the sake of the woman, but the woman for the sake of the male. ¹⁰Therefore a woman must have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹But in the Lord, neither a man is without a woman, nor a woman without a man; ¹² For just as a woman proceeds from the man, so the man is born of the woman; but everything proceeds from God."

--- Genesis 3:13, the serpent deceived me.

■ Matthew 24:4, "See that no one deceives you"

■ Matthew 24:11 "And many false prophets shall arise and deceive many"

--- **Romans 16:17, 18, ¹⁷But I beseech you, brethren, to notice those who cause division and stumbling against the doctrine which you have learned, and to turn away from them. ¹⁸For such people do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own wombs, and with gentle words and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naïve.**

■ 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3, "Do not let yourselves be easily moved from your way of thinking, nor be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as if it were our own, in the sense that the day of the Lord is near. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for it will not come without first coming apostasy

--- **1 John 3:7-8, ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you; he who does justice is just, as he is just. ⁸He who practices sin is of the devil."**

--- 2 Corinthians 11:2, ³ For I zeal unto you with zeal for God; for I have betrothed you to one spouse, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

³But I fear that as the serpent with his cunning deceived Eve, your senses will somehow be led astray from sincere fidelity to Christ."

--- If we learn and love the truth (God's will) we will not be deceived by Satan.

--- Being deceived by Satan means that you accept the lie as truth and live according to that lie.

--- And then he speaks of those who preach another Jesus and another Spirit, another gospel. Galatians 1:6-9, for example, salvation by faith alone, or by simply praying the sinner's prayer. There are also other forms of worship (for example, instrumental music

with songs, all kinds of theater and entertainment); another organization (e.g., the sponsoring church of Liberal brethren). Of course there are dozens of doctrines of men that are deceptive (Matthew 15:8, 9) also human churches that we do not find in the Bible.

- Millions are deceived by Catholicism, millions are deceived by Calvinism which teaches that man is born a sinner. From this error comes a chain of false doctrines such as unconditional election, that Christ died only for the elect, who once saved are always saved (cannot fall from grace).

--- Satan is the father of lies and liars. He proved it at the very beginning of the world.

--- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, "¹³For these are false apostles, fraudulent workers, who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And it is no wonder, because Satan himself disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵So it is not strange if his ministers also disguise themselves as ministers of justice; whose end will be according to their works."

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--- Adam was not deceived. He simply chooses to please his wife instead of pleasing God. THIS WELL ILLUSTRATES THE POWER THAT WOMEN HAVE OVER MEN. What Adam did has been repeated thousands of times over the centuries. ¹⁵But she will be saved by begetting children, if she abides in faith, love, and sanctification, with modesty."

--- THE ROLE OF WOMEN. SUBJECT BUT NOT INFERIOR. The domestic role of women is extremely important. She is the MOTHER AND TEACHER of the greatest men.

--- Mary the mother of Jesus, Elizabeth, Anna, Lois and Eunice -- a very long list.

--- I love what Matthew Henry says: "That if the man is the head, the woman is the crown, a crown to her husband. That the woman was made from a rib in Adam's side. Not of the head, that it might not reign over him, nor of her feet, lest she trample on him, but from his side to be like him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near to her heart, to be loved by him."

The consequences of their sin.

--- Genesis 3:16-19, To the woman he said, I will greatly multiply the pains in your pregnancies; in pain you will give birth to children; and your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall lord it over you. ¹⁷And to the man he said, For you obeyed the voice of your wife, and ate of the tree of which I sent you, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; the earth shall be cursed for thy sake; with sorrow thou shalt ye eat of it all the days of thy life. ¹⁸Hawthorns and thistles will produce you, and you will eat plants from the field.

Lessons:

- Satan deceived me, but that's not why I'm blameless.
- Women have a lot of good and bad influence over men. "The woman who gave me..."

- If one argues with Satan one always loses the argument.
- Satan is adept at presenting lying as superior to truth.

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