

Genesis 3:6-7

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

The scriptures don't tell how long Adam and Eve lived in the Garden before they fell into sin; but, somehow it appears that it wasn't a great period of time before Satan came upon the scene. Something I want you to consider is how all of this took place after God allowed man to name all of the animals. It was after God had given man dominion in the Garden, it was after he had given man his greatest treasure; his wife. The greatest temptation that ever fell upon mankind was after he had been given everything by the Lord. Have the rules really changed that much today? Doesn't Satan come in like a flood into each of our lives at the tail end of a great move of God, or right after an impressive promotion, or perhaps after you have married your dream girl. Satan knows when we are most likely to fall, and it is then when he hits the hardest.

One thing that I also want to draw out of these verses is the difference of Eve's choices over Adam's. Often, most people see their choices as the same; but were they really? Let's look at Eve first; many scholars believe that Eve fell because she fell into deception with the Serpent. James Montgomery Boice, in his 'Expositional Commentary of Genesis,' writes "The woman did fall as a result of Satan's arguments. In fact, she fell with goodwill; for she had come to believe that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would make one wise – that was what the name signified after all – and she wanted both herself and her husband to enjoy that imagined blessing. That is why she gave the fruit to Adam. She wanted to help him if she could. Eve sinned and erred in her error. But her error, serious as it was, was not duplicated in the case of Adam, nor was it as reprehensible. Adam sinned out of pure rebellion against God."

The sin and death that is spoken of here is reckoned unto Adam. No where in the scripture does it talk about the sin of Eve; but rather the man Adam. Now I am in no way saying that women can sin with out worrying of consequences, but I do believe that God does hold the man ultimately responsible. Much like a pastor in a local church, God is not going to lead through a board or committee; rather, God leads through a man, and God holds that man responsible.

Let's look at the consequences of Adams sin, as described in the New Testament. **I Timothy 2:14, "And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression (or sin)."** Consider now with me the purpose by which Jesus himself needed to come to this earth to pay for the penalty, in order that each of us may have eternal life; **I Corinthians 15:21, "For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive."**

Because of Adam's willful disobedience, he died spiritually that day; and his body started to die physically as well. The role of sin is to bring death; you cannot have one without the other. None of us deserves the gift that Jesus gave to mankind through His death and resurrection, but each of us must decide if we want it.