

# *This time... I will quit blaming others*

## #5 Eve (Gen. 2&3, II Cor. 11:3, and I Tim. 2:13)

### I. Background Material

#### A. The Creator Accounts

1. Gen. 1:1-2:3
2. Gen. 2:4-25 (This is not a chronological account)

#### B. Eve's Purpose and Creation (Gen 2:18-25)

#### C. Eve's 3 Names:

1. "Woman"-(Gen. 2:23) generic designation literally means "man-ess"
2. "Adam" - (Gen. 5:2) both Adam and Eve are called this inclusive name. They are 1 flesh with 1 name.
3. "Eve" – (Gen. 3:16, 20) Adam called her that. It means "Life" or "Life-giving"

#### D. She is a woman of many distinctions (Adapted from Woman of the Bible)

1. First woman to live on the Earth
2. First woman to be called a wife
3. First and only woman born without sin
4. First woman to be assaulted by Satan
5. First dress maker
6. First mother to have a son who was a murderer
7. First to receive the prophecy regarding God's plan of redemption (Gen. 3:15)

#### E. A word about Adam and Eve being myths, not real people.

Consider Luke 3:23-38. The entire genealogy is based on the assumption that Adam and Christ were the two federal heads of the human race. Sin entered by one- grace by the other.

Eve cannot be treated as a myth either. The serpent beguiled Eve (II Cor. 11:3). Her record is to be taken literally (I Tim. 2:12-14)

#### F. God's instruction: "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil" (Gen. 2:16, 17, 3:2-3)

Note: There were two special of trees in the garden.

1. Tree of the knowledge of good & evil
2. Tree of Life (Rev. 21:7, 22:2)

#### G. Satan's Temptation

Heb. 3:12 "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God"

John 8:44 "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies".

"Hath God said": Sets up distrust in God's word, Satan promises that they will become God like.

#### H. The consequences of their disobedience

1. For Eve: Pains in child birth
2. For Adam: Painful toil as he works the ground
3. For the Earth: cursed is the ground.....will produce thorns/thistles
4. For Satan:
  - a. cursed...crawl on belly/ eat dust?
  - b. will be crushed by off spring of the woman (Christ)

## II. The Blame Game

Adam: "The woman, whom you (God) gave me of the tree"

Blames God and the woman!!

Eve: "The Serpent beguiled me ....."

Blames Satan.

## III. So what? There are at least 12 sins that we tend to blame on others (adapted from a post by the Pastor Ben Reaoch in Pittsburgh, PA.)

### A. Anger

I wouldn't lose my temper if my co-workers were easier to get along with, or if my kids behaved better, or if my spouse were more considerate

### B. Impatience

I would be a very patient person if it weren't for traffic jams and long lines in the grocery store. If I didn't have so many things to do, and if the people around me weren't so slow, I would never become impatient!

### C. Lust

I would have a pure mind if there weren't so many sensual images in our culture.

D. Anxiety

I wouldn't worry about the future if my life were just a little more secure—if I had more money, and not health problems.

E. Spiritual Apathy

My spiritual life would be so much more vibrant and I would struggle with sin less if my small group were more encouraging, or if Sunday school were more engaging, or if the music in the worship service were more lively, or if the sermons were better.

F. Insubordination

If my parents/bosses/elders were Godly leaders, then I would joyfully follow them.

G. A Critical Spirit

It's not my fault that the people around me are ignorant and inexperienced.

H. Bitterness

If you knew what that person did to me, you would understand my bitterness. How could I forgive something like that?

I. Gluttony

My wife/husband/roommate/friend is a wonderful cook! The things they make are impossible to resist.

J. Gossip

It's the people around me who start the conversations. There's no way to avoid hearing what others happen to say. And when others ask me questions, I can't avoid sharing what I know.

K. Self-Pity

I'll never be happy, because my marriage/family/job/ministry is so difficult.

L. Selfishness

I would be more generous if we had more money.

**Consider: James 1:13-15 "Lured away by our own desire"**

## Discussion Questions:

1. Which one of those 12 sins do you tend to blame on others?
2. How can we have our own "moment of truth" and stop blaming others?