

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE



EVE - PART TWO

LEADER'S GUIDE

LESSON 2

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B. The Consequences of Sin

1. Eve experienced guilt — sin brings guilt and shame. Adam and Eve knew they were naked. Why? They lost the cover of God's righteousness; therefore, they sewed themselves clothes of fig leaves to cover their guilt and shame. In their fallen state, they were now sinners and tried to hide from God's Presence [Gen. 3:8].
2. Eve experienced evil—Up to this time, everything was perfect for Eve. She lived in a state of innocence and goodness. Satan was right, for in partaking of the forbidden fruit, it would open Eve's eyes to evil. She would experience evil firsthand as she became a willing participant to sin. She would not only forfeit paradise, but she opened herself to a life of pain, sorrow and frustration [Gen. 4:8, 11-12]
3. Eve experienced judgment
 - a) Eve's judgment for disobeying God had to do with her being both a wife and mother [Gen. 3:16]. Her judgment from God was that she would experience pain and sorrow in childbirth, and she would struggle for dominance in her relationship with her husband. Before sin, they ruled side by side and there was no strife between them.
 - b) Eve would also experience the effects of Adam's judgment in which God cursed the ground and sin and death would enter the world. All of creation would be under the curse of sin. Adam as well as Eve would be condemned to exhausting labor to work the land [Gen. 5:29].
 - c) Adam and Eve's judgements would not only affect them but also the entire human race as well as all of creation — ex: animals and plant life [Jer. 12:4 Rom. 8:22-23]. We still feel today the far-reaching consequences of their sin.
4. Eve experienced death [Gen. 3:19b]
 - a) Physical death
 - i. Mankind — would return to the dust. The human race would take on a corruptible body [Heb. 9:27]. Sin always brings death [Rom. 6:23a]

ii. Nature — plants and animals were subject to man's sin [Jer. 12:4]. Since aprons of fig leaves were not acceptable to God, God killed the first animal to make an adequate covering for Adam and Eve's sin [Gen. 3:21]. Skins represent sacrifice [Gen.3:7].

(a) Foreshadowed the O.T. sacrifices [Heb. 9:22; Lev. 1:5]. An animal had to die in their place [Heb. 9:22; Lev. 1:5]. The blood of animals was only a temporary covering for sin [Heb. 10:4].

(b) Foreshadowed Christ's sacrifice. The sacrificial system looked forward to the ultimate sacrifice for sin — the true Lamb of God , the Lord Jesus Christ [Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 1:19-21] — for only Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can cleanse us from all unrighteousness [1 John 1:9].

b) Spiritual death

i. They lost their intimate [spiritual] fellowship with God. They were driven out of God's presence and out of the garden of Eden because they failed to keep God's command [Gen. 3:23-24].

ii. Loss of purity – Sin now separated them from God [Isaiah 59:2]. They would no longer walk and talk intimately with God in the garden.

c. Eternal death — failure to accept God's provision of sin in this life leads to spiritual death [separation from God-no covering for sin] and your name is not found in the Lamb's book of life. This will happen at the Great White Throne Judgment [Rev. 20:11-15].

C. Eve's hope]

At this point, things looked pretty hopeless for Eve. Satan had deceived her, Adam blamed her, she lost her innocence, hindered her relationship with God and now was facing guilt, shame and death. She lost her home in paradise, life would be harder and more challenging, her relationship with her husband would be flawed and childbearing would be difficult. Deep inside her, Eve must have felt incredible shame and disappointment in what she had done. God could have killed her and Adam on the spot and God could have created another man and woman to take their place. Instead, God gave them hope.

1. God's Love - God showed His love by providing them clothes with the skins of animals. Their covering of figs leaves was insufficient for they represented

their own works. Sin is so serious that it took the shedding of blood to cover their sin [Gen. 3:21; Titus 3:5; Heb. 9:22].

2. God's Promise — a Redeemer

a) The Redeemer would come from the woman's seed [Gen.3:15]. In the midst of the judgments, God gave Eve as well as Adam hope -- a prophetic prophesy that one of her offspring would come to redeem the world of sin and death. How did this verse give her hope?

i. She would not physically die right away for she would have children [Gen. 2:17]. Although Adam and Eve did not physically die that day, they spiritually died when they ate of the forbidden fruit. Adam & Eve physically died many years later. Adam lived to be 930 years old [Gen. 5:5].

ii. One of Eve's offspring would come and remove the curse of sin. This Redeemer would one day restore what Adam and Eve lost for both mankind and creation [Rev 22:3].

b) Although Satan would bruise the Redeemer's heel [at the cross], the Redeemer would give a death blow to the head of Satan [Rev. 20:10; Heb. 2:14]. Ultimately, Eve's seed would have complete victory over the Evil One.

3. God's Mercy — God showed mercy to Adam and Eve by driving them out of Eden and placed Cherubims with flaming swords at the entrance. Why? God did this to protect them for if they would have eaten from the Tree of Life in their sinful state, they would have remained in their sin forever; therefore, no hope of redemption [Gen. 3:22-24].

4. God's Grace — God is the God of second chances. God could have done away with Adam and Eve, but instead gave them a way to have their sins forgiven by giving them hope of a Redeemer. Although Scripture does not explicitly state that Adam and Eve were saved, most Bible scholars believe Adam and Eve knew the Lord. Not only did God provided a sacrifice for their sin but he gave them a promise of redemption.

a) Adam and Eve evidently taught Cain and Abel to bring sacrifices to God at a prescribed time and a prescribed place. They taught their children how to worship God [Gen. 4:3-4].

- b) God gave Eve another son when Cain killed his brother Abel. Eve demonstrated her faith in God when she said that God had appointed her another seed. No doubt, she hoped that this son would be the promised Redeemer. She named him Seth and Seth had a son named Enos. It was through this godly line that the Redeemer Jesus Christ would come [Gen. 4:25-26; Luke 3:23, 38].
- c) After the fall, Adam gave the woman another name--Eve which means "life or life-giving." Why? This shows Adam's faith in God's promise that He would send the promised Redeemer through Eve's offspring. This Redeemer would bring life [John 5:26; 11:25].

Conclusion: Eve was a woman of many firsts. She was the most beautiful and the most extraordinary woman who ever lived. She was made without sin. She had the perfect marriage, the perfect husband, and she lived in a perfect environment. She was the first to be deceived by Satan and the first to tempt her husband. Although Eve as well as Adam experienced the dire consequences of sin — pain, suffering and death; however, they also experienced the love, mercy and grace of a wonderful Creator who loved them even in their sinful state. God graciously gave them a promise for salvation and redemption. Although Eve was the first one to sin, that is not her everlasting legacy. Eve's legacy is far greater and more everlasting than that for all of heaven will be filled with her children who have been redeemed by the "seed of the woman" — the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We serve not only an awesome Creator, Savior and King but we serve a God of second chances