Lesson 1 Eve - Deceived and Daring

Genesis 2:19 – 3:24

***2:19****Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.****20****So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.*

*But for Adam no suitable helper was found.****21****So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs[*[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-52b)*] and then closed up the place with flesh.****22****Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib[*[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-53c)*] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

***23****The man said,*

*“This is now bone of my bones
    and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
    for she was taken out of man.”*

***24****That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

***25****Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

***The Fall***

***3****Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”*

***2****The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,****3****but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”*

***4****“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.****5****“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

***6****When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.****7****Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked ;so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

***8****Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.****9****But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”*

***10****He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”*

***11****And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”*

***12****The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”*

***13****Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”*

*The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

***14****So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,*

*“Cursed are you above all livestock
    and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly
    and you will eat dust
    all the days of your life.****15****And I will put enmity
    between you and the woman,
    and between your offspring[*[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-71d)*] and hers;
he will crush[*[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-71e)*] your head,
    and you will strike his heel.”*

***16****To the woman he said,*

*“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
    with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
    and he will rule over you.”*

***17****To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’*

*“Cursed is the ground because of you;
    through painful toil you will eat food from it
    all the days of your life.****18****It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
    and you will eat the plants of the field.****19****By the sweat of your brow
    you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
    since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
    and to dust you will return.”*

***20****Adam[*[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-76f)*] named his wife Eve,[*[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-76g)*] because she would become the mother of all the living.*

***21****The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.****22****And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”****23****So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.****24****After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side[*[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A19-+3%3A24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-80h)*] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.*

*Luke 4:1-13*

*1Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,****2****where for forty days he was tempted[*[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A1-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25066a)*] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*

***3****The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”*

***4****Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”*

***5****The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.****6****And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.****7****If you worship me, it will all be yours.”*

***8****Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”*

***9****The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.****10****For it is written:*

*“‘He will command his angels concerning you
    to guard you carefully;****11****they will lift you up in their hands,
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”*

***12****Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’[*[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A1-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25076e)*]”*

***13****When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

1. According to Genesis 2:20, why did God create Eve? What important role of hers is mentioned, in relationship to her husband, Adam? Do you think of a wife’s role as being that of a helper, or not? Explain.

2.Which portions of the serpent’s statements (3:1, 4 & 5) are true and which are false? Why do you think the serpent mixed truth with lies?

Vs 1:

Vs 4:

Vs 5:

3.How does Eve fixate upon and amplify God’s commands in verse 3? How does that play into Satan’s schemes?

4.How might you or someone today fall prey to the question: “Did God really say . . . .?”

5.Read Luke 4:1-13. How was Jesus’ temptation similar to Eve’s? How were his responses different?

6.Why do you think Adam ate the fruit? What should he have done? Do you think he was more or less responsible than Eve? Explain.

7. Eve probably helped Adam in many ways but she hindered him in the most important way by influencing him to sin along with her. Consider ways in which you influence your spouse or those around you. In what ways could you be a better “influencer”? Pray for God’s help.

8. Put yourself in Eve’s sandals after “The Fall”, and write in the first person, as if you were Eve, writing in her diary, how you feel and what you wish you had done differently.

9. What did you learn not to do from Eve?

10. Journal this passage “SOAP style” as explained in the introduction of this workbook.