

Great Women of the Bible



*Our First Lady of the Bible—
Eve.*

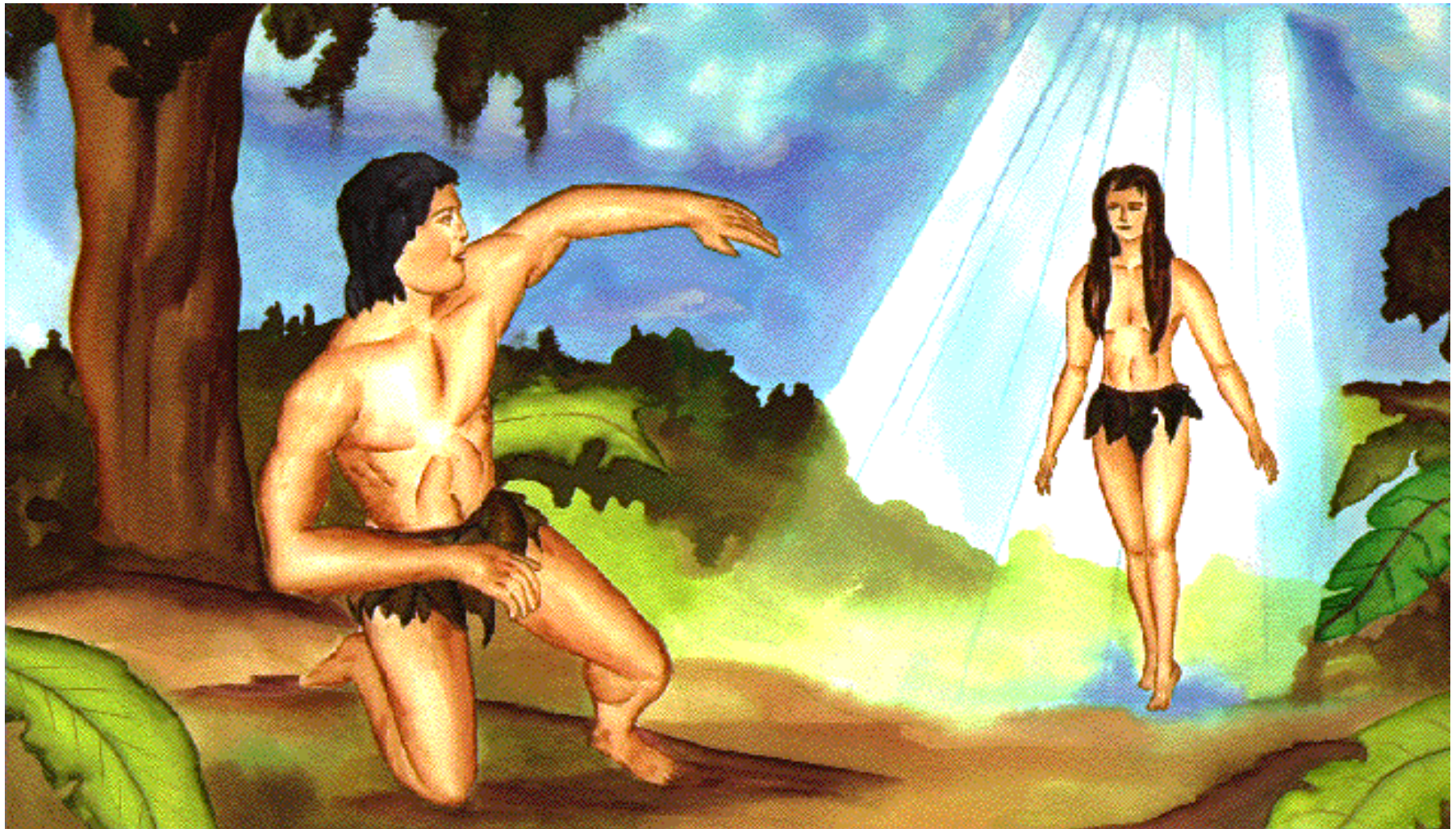


Background

Recall from our study last week that God created Eve from Adam's rib because Adam needed help. In Genesis 2: 18, God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." We spent much of our time last week, looking at the role of the man (as a worker and provider) and the role of the woman (as a helper and companion). God gave us these examples in His Word and these roles for man and woman are still relevant today. *I can't imagine how lost I would be without the help of my wife!!*

When Eve was created, God took her and gave her to Adam... What a wonderful gift God gave man—he gave man the gift of woman!

The Bible says that God brought the woman to the man...What do you think Adam's initial reaction was to Eve?



*Adam must have been really
happy to see Eve!*

Eve was given to Adam to be a helper,
a companion, a lover...

Eve was given to Adam to be *a wife!*

Eve's Great Test

Genesis 3: 1-6, 13, 16-19



Can you name some characteristics of a Serpent



Characteristics of a Serpent

- Serpents are:
 - Quick
 - Crafty
 - Wicked
 - Devious
 - Elusive
 - In Disguise
 - Ruthless
 - Predators
 - Deceitful
- **Life Lesson:** The characteristics of the serpent are the same qualities our Enemy, the devil has. He uses various tactics to trip us up and deceive us just as the serpent deceived Eve.



Sin always *looks good...* but it's
actually trouble in **disguise...**



... You Will Not Surely Die

John 8: 44

- *The **devil tells lies** in order to get you to **behave** the way he wants you to...*
 - *Sin*
 - *Bad decisions*
 - *Worry*
 - *Fear*
 - *Discontentment*
 - *Frustration*
- *His ultimate goal is to get us to sin against God...*

Question for Thought: What lies has the devil put in your head lately? Can you recognize when it is the devil who is communicating thoughts to you?

... You Will Be Like God, Knowing Good and Evil

Eve is about to get into trouble because she is:

Seeking to be elevated...

Seeking position...

Seeking authority...

Seeking more and more and more...

***Life Lesson: Seeking more Position, Power
and Authority is not always a good thing. Be
humble.***

Philippians 2: 3-7

*Wanting more and getting more...
Elevating self in the wrong way...*



...Good for Food, Pleasing to the Eye and Desirable for Gaining Wisdom

I John 2: 16

The Ways that Sin Creeps Into Our Lives...

- **Lust of the Flesh**— the fruit was good for food. Food fulfills a fleshly need.
- **Lust of the Eyes**— the fruit was pleasing to the eye. Most sin looks real good.
- **Pride of Life**— Eve was lied to and told that the fruit would equip her with God-like wisdom, which was something she should not have been seeking.

Question for Thought: Why do you think Eve gave some of the fruit to her husband? What is the lesson for us?

***Life Lesson: Other people can
get you into trouble, but the
responsibility is still yours.
You still must face the
consequences.***

***Adam seems to blame Eve for his own
disobedience, but the Lord still holds him
accountable.***

There are Consequences for Disobedience...

- Adam, Eve, the serpent and mankind reap eternal consequences for disobeying God. What does this tell us about sin?
 - 1) The benefit of the sin is never worth the cost.***
 - 2) Another person can get you into trouble, but you are still responsible.***
 - 3) There are “no excuses” for sinning against God.***

*What would you say is Eve's **legacy**? What lessons have you learned from her life in terms of:*

- *God's Amazing Gift Giving*
- *Characteristics of a Godly Woman and Wife*
- *The Great Reward in Finding a Wife*
- *The Roles of Husband and Wife*
- *Obeying God's Instructions*
- *The Characteristics of the Enemy*
- *The Deceitfulness of Sin*
- *The Danger of Sin*
- *Why One Should Avoid Selfish Ambition*
- *Responsibility for One's Own Sin*
- *The Consequences of Disobedience*