



## Eve – To Eat or Not to Eat?

### Lesson 9

Life is full of choices. For Eve, her choice was to eat or not to eat the forbidden fruit with which Satan tempted her. Temptation is something every Christian faces and struggles with at times. We don't have to succumb to it but in order to stand against it we must fully arm ourselves with the Word of God. To go against what God says has serious consequences as Eve found out. She listened to the creature instead of her Creator and it cost her everything. We would do well to remember this lesson – disobedience will always cost in the end. The good news for us is that we don't have to face temptation alone. We have a Savior to whom we can go and ask for help. Not only does He understand temptation but He has all the resources we'll ever need to walk in victory.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

**This Week's Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13**

*<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup>but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>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*

coverings. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" <sup>12</sup>Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

**This Week's Memory Verse:**

**Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a (woman) sows, that (she) will also reap. For (she) who sows to (her) flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but (she) who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.**

**Galatians 6:7-8(NKJV)**

1. Eve's deception by the devil was tragic to be sure, but the truth is we are all capable of being deceived. Look up the following verses and note how we can be aware of falling into a trap of deception and the knowledge of how to prevent it.

a. Matthew 24:23-25: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. 2 Timothy 2:14-15: \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. 2 Peter 2:18-19: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. At this point you may be a little frightened, but take heart! There are wonderful promises found in God's Word. Look up these verses and note what they mean to you and how you can apply these promises to being deceived.

a. John 10:28-29: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. 1 John 4:4: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reflect and Respond** – Perhaps as you read about the decisions Eve made you are thinking that you could never do that! After all Eve walked with God! But the truth of it is, we are all capable of such sin and disobedience. Romans 3:23 tell us that; “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” But thank God that His mercy and forgiveness is new every morning! How should this truth shape how you look at others who have likewise sinned? Should we offer them understanding or condemnation? Write your thoughts. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Result** – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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