

Where we went wrong Original Sin



Genesis 3:1-6 HCSB Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?" (2) The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. (3) But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'" (4) "No! You will not die," the serpent said to the woman. (5) "In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (6) Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate *it*; she also gave *some* to her husband, *who was with her*, and he ate *it*.

Lessons for all of us:

1. We listened to someone other than God.
2. We paid more attention to worldly cunning than to divine wisdom.
3. We allowed doubt as to God's Word to enter our minds.
4. We misquoted God's Word.
 - a. We added to His Word – "or touch it"
 - b. We subtracted from His Word – "or you will die" cp Genesis 2:17 "on that day... certainly die"
5. We doubted God's intentions.
6. We sought a shortcut instead of taking our time and doing it right.
7. We started depending on our own senses (reductionism, nominalism).
8. We placed a higher value on our sensual desires than on our relationship with God.
9. We led others into sin.
10. We failed to hold others back from sin.

Lessons for mothers: Mothers need to learn from Eve's experience...

1. Eve did not consider the consequences her rebellion would have on her children.
2. Mother's must take their own yetzer hara into account.
3. Mother's must take their children's yetzer hara into account.

Conclusion:

As Elohim loved eve and gave her hope even in the midst of her sin, so He extends a helping, saving hand to mother's today.