

Eve: The Mother of All Living

John MacArthur, Chapter 1—Eve

Review

1. If you met Eve on the first day of her creation, and then were asked to describe her to a friend, what descriptive words would you use? Choose several words and elaborate upon them if necessary.

2. What do we know about Eve from the Scripture? (List several facts.)

What don't we know about Eve? (List several items.)

3. Identify four main truths we can draw from the way in which Eve was created?

4. What is Satan's modus operandi in temptation?

5. In what ways do people today try to cover the shame and guilt brought on by their sins?

6. In what ways did the curses of the serpent and Adam also impact Eve?

7. In which four areas could Eve still take comfort and hope after she had sinned?

Bible Connections

8. Read Genesis 2:21-25. In what ways was Eve's creation totally initiated and accomplished by God?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 11:3-9, 14; 14:34-35; and 1 Timothy 2:11-15. Also read Colossians 2:9 and Philippians 2:6. In what ways was woman created to be "subordinate, yet equal"?
10. Read Genesis 3:1-7. Compare to Genesis 2:16-17. In what ways might we be prone to misunderstanding God's commandments just as Eve apparently did?
11. Read Genesis 3:4-5. What four things did Satan promise to Eve if she would eat the fruit God had forbidden?
12. Read Romans 5:12; 1 Timothy 2:14; and Romans 5:18-19. Why was it Adam's failure that was so decisive for humanity, rather than Eve's eating of the forbidden fruit?
13. Read Genesis 3:8-13. What were the three main responses Adam and Eve both had toward their sin?
14. Read James 1:13-14 and 1 Timothy 2:14. Why must we take full responsibility for our own sins?
15. Read Romans 16:20; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8; and Galatians 4:4. What is the biblical understanding regarding the "crushing" of Satan by Jesus Christ?

Highlighting the Lesson

16. In your own words, how do you explain the biblical principle that Adam and Eve were two persons who were truly equal, and yet had a relationship in which Adam was the head and Eve submitted to him?

17. The curse placed on Eve directly impacted her relationship with her husband and children. How can a woman today live free of that curse?
18. In what ways did the curse against the serpent hold a promise for Eve?

Lasting Implications

19. Why are the issues of headship and submission in the story of Eve so crucial to our understanding of the gospel today, and especially the issue of Christ's headship over the redeemed race?
20. In what ways are we each like Eve—guilty of the same sins and responses to our own sin:
 - Disobeying God's commands
 - Enticing others to join us in our sin
 - Trying to hide from God
 - Shifting blame to others
21. In what ways are we still dealing with the curse of sin?

In what ways can we live free of the curse?