

**Genesis 3:6-7 – Adam Sins Against God**

<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.

She also gave to her husband with her:

- Was he "with" her? (Not likely next to her within hearing)
- Influence of the woman (strategy of Satan – not direct temptation – got her to eat BEFORE Adam was offered)

And he ate:

- Adam ate KNOWINGLY. He was not deceived.
- He knew full well what he was doing.
- 1 Tim 2:14 – *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.*

Result: Then the eyes of BOTH of them were opened.

- The command seems to be given directly to Adam
- Only when Adam ate were the eyes of both of them opened.
- Then they knew they were naked (no shame beforehand – Gen 2:25)

**1 Cor 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

The bad news and the good news.

**Rom 5:12-21** Therefore, just as through **one man** sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- <sup>13</sup> (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from **Adam** to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of **the transgression of Adam**, who is a type of Him who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if **by the one man's offense many died**, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift *is* not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from **one offense resulted in condemnation**, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification. <sup>17</sup> For if **by the one man's offense death reigned through the one**, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) <sup>18</sup> Therefore, as **through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation**, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. <sup>19</sup> For as **by one man's disobedience** many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Sin and death came by Adam (not Adam and Eve).

**Heb 7:5-10** And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; <sup>6</sup> but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup> Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. <sup>8</sup> Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. <sup>9</sup> **Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,** <sup>10</sup> **for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.**

Possible explanation of how sin was passed on to all men.

## INFLUENCE – The Woman Gives Fruit from the Forbidden Tree to Her Husband

6d – “*She also gave to her husband with her*”

- “**with her**” – some say that Adam was there right next to her but did nothing; seems that he was “with her” more in a companionship way. It doesn’t appear that he was next to her during the tempting and deception of the serpent.
- **There appears to have been some verbal communication (3:17)** – “Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife...”
- **Woman’s influence over her husband** (we’ll visit later in this chapter, but be aware of this)

## CHOICE – Adam Chooses to Disobey God and Eat the Fruit from the Forbidden Tree

6e – “*and he ate.*”

- **He knew what he was doing (he was not deceived) 1 Tim 2:14** (“And Adam was not deceived...”)
- **He made a willful choice**

## CONSEQUENCES – Adam’s Sin Changes Everything Immediately

7 – “*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.*”

- **It was when Adam sinned that the eyes of both of them were opened** – the decision was Adam’s to make.
- **Points back to the command given to Adam prior to the creation of the woman.**
- **The devil was partly right – the eyes of both of them WERE opened!**
- **Adam & Eve died then and there:**
  - Spiritually – Became sinners and separated from a direct relationship with God
  - Physically – Began the *process* of dying immediately
  - Eternally – They were condemned, and apart from God’s work, they would be eternally judged.
- **All of mankind became condemned as sinners because of Adam’s choice:**

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- **How are all men sinners because of Adam’s choice? (Hebrews 7:5-10)**
  - **Federalism (Adam only represents us.)**
  - **Traducianism (We were part of Adam, and thus, in a sense, we sinned with him.)**