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Eve's Lust

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” James 4:6

Intro:

From the beginning of the Bible to its final revelation there is one theme that stands throughout it and that is the matter of authority and Bible Doctrine. The Apostle James tells us that God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. He commands us to submit to the authority of God and to resist the devil. *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7*

When the Apostle Peter was dealing with pride among the believers in the local churches, and more specifically to the younger men in the congregations, he told them the same thing about God being opposed to the proud, but giving grace to the humble. *“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5* He also commanded them to submit to the authority of God, *“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” 1 Peter 5:6*

When Jesus Christ, the second member of the Godhead incarnated into human form, he came to earth as a man and lived his entire life being in subjection to the authority of God the Father and was obedient to the Father even unto death. *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:8* And we note also that God promoted or exalted him because of this submission to authority. *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:” Philippians 2:9*

In our study we want to go back to the very beginning where the issue of humility and authority was first established by God and how the original couple failed in this area. When we talk about the Garden of Eden we are usually distracted mentally by other things going on there, so much so, that we miss the point of it all, in fact, we miss the most important points!

We think about the man and the woman and how perfect they were, and what they must have looked like, and what their relationship with each other was like. We think about all the animals that were there and what they were like. And what is must have been to live in a perfect environment, and where this place must have been. (It was in Aden in north Africa in case you're interested). We think about what the serpent must have looked like and so many other things. And in so doing we have missed the most important points and they are: the man and woman's fellowship with God in the spiritual life made possible through faith in Bible Doctrine and the matter of authority.

A. The authority of the man.

“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” Genesis 3:16

1. *To the woman he said,
"I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing;
with pain you will give birth to children.*

*Your “**desire**” will be for your husband,
and he will **rule** over you.” Genesis 3:16*

The second translation we have here is from the NIV which more accurately brings out the grammar of the original Hebrew. By the use of indenting the passage we know that we are dealing with a poetical construction. It also brings out the fact that there are four lines in the passage instead of just the narrative running along.

And what we end up with in verse sixteen is an hendiadys with the first two lines being in synonymous parallelism and the last two lines being in antithetical parallelism. **I cannot emphasize how important this is!** There is no way that we can accurately translate the Hebrew using a word for word translation. The complexities of the grammar demand a more freer translation, even utilizing many sermons on the passage!

The grammatical construction of the use of a hendiadys changes the translation around into something altogether different and it gives us the true insight into what was going on in the garden with Adam, Eve and the serpent.

Before we get into the translation of the passage of what Eve did, and what was going on in her mind before she sinned against God, and its application in life, we need to see what a hendiadys is all about. For in understanding the curse God put on the woman we will find out **that Eve was lusting for control of the marriage!**

Hendiadys means one by way of two, or one from two. It meant two words employed, but only one thing, or one idea, intended. One of the two words expresses the thing, and the other intensifies it. The figure is truly Oriental and it takes the first word, if in synonymous parallelism, to establish the meaning, and if a noun is used it takes the word in the second line and changes it into an adjective of the superlative degree.

So in the first two lines, which are in synonymous parallelism, we have *“I will greatly increase your **pains** in childbearing; with (even greater) **pain** you will give birth to children.”* The word **pain** is found in both lines. In the first line we have a reference to pain involved in being pregnant. And in the second line we have a greatly intensified pain in childbirth. Now we are all familiar with the concept in this passage, as every woman knows. But it's the next two lines that change everything for us as to what was going on with Eve in the garden, and still is going on today with the women.

2. *Your **desire** will be for your husband,
and he will **rule** over you.*

Now we know what the word rule is, *mashal*, and it meant to rule over someone with the power of a king or some ruler in authority. But what does the word **desire** mean? It simply refers to a desire, but it doesn't tell us **what kind** of desire!

Now we all have thought it refers to sexual desire, or love, or longing, or something along that line. But we have all missed the mark! What we have done is add our own idea of what kind of desire is being mentioned into the text! And that's where the grammatical construction of the hendiadys comes in to tell us exactly what this word desire means. We do know that *desire* is *teshuqah* and it meant to **lust**, a very strong word used in Genesis 4:7, *“If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it **desires** to have you, but you must master it.”*

Because the first line, “*your desire will be for your husband*” omits the nature of **the kind of desire** being mentioned; the second line tells what it is – to rule! To rule your husband! “*Your desire will be to ___ your husband*”. Is how the first line of the second section should be translated so far. It's left out in this third line; we don't know what kind of desire it is so far. But the fourth line tells us what it is by the word *mashal*, to **rule!**

So, because of the hendiadys, we now see that **the woman's desire (lust) was to rule over her husband! She wanted to have the control of the marriage! She wanted to be in charge of the home!** This is what was occurring with the woman in the garden before she ate the fruit and offered it to Adam and has been going on since then.

This was the woman's arrogance and downfall and this was the judgment that God placed on her in the curse. It says in effect, this was what you were doing that brought all this on the earth and this is what you will have to live with as your judgment.

Adam was the first created; **Adam was the one that God placed as the ruler over the entire world.** And when God created the woman and brought her to him, she walked into a situation that had already been established by God! **She was created to be a helper to Adam as he ruled over God's creation, but she was never to usurp his authority!**

And he not only was the ruler of the world, but he was the ruler over the home, **and he still is today!** God has never changed one bit in this matter of who is in control of the home, who is the head of the house – **it's the man!** And if he has a wife, there is no joint rule, there is no partnership, and there certainly is no woman ruling the roost. She is there to be a helper to him, **and she is under his authority!**

We'll get into the rest of the passage, but we need to see first the rest of God's judgment on the woman. She wanted to rule over the man, but God says – it will be just the opposite! **He will rule over you!** And remember the superlative degree? 'You wanted the authority in the home? You wanted to rule over your husband? This will not happen, **instead he will rule over you; he will really rule over you!!**

B. The first false teacher.

“And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” Genesis 3:2,3

What the woman told the serpent was untrue! It was a total distortion of what the Lord had said, as taught to her by her husband. She had substituted her own false interpretation of the Word of God, as is still being done today by so many females.

The woman had already become arrogant before she ate of the forbidden fruit. She had rejected the authority of her husband. She had rejected the authority of God. And she was glorifying herself instead of the Lord. **And the very first false interpretation of the Word of God in human history was by a woman!**

She had made her own deduction of the Word, through her arrogance, by omitting three things, changing one thing and adding one thing. The **first** thing she left out was the word, **Lord**. She said,

“*God (Elohim) hath said*”, אמר אלהים. While in [Genesis 2:16](#) it really said, “*And the LORD God commanded the man*”, which was in the original, יהוה אלהים, *Yahweh Elohim*. We'll get into the significance of this later, which deals with the deity of Jesus Christ and his lordship over them and us.

The **second** thing she did was change a word in the text. She merely said that *Elohim* had **said** using the word *amar*, אמר. Now *amar* meant simply to talk or to say something; it would be used along the lines of conversation. But that's not what happened! God did not simply tell them not to eat of the fruit, **he commanded them not to!** That word is *tsavah*. What this did is take away the concept of Christ's authority over her and that she was to be in obedience to the Lord. By saying that God **said** to them, instead of saying that God **commanded** them, she was diluting and minimizing the force of the idea. So in effect she had rejected the authority of Christ over her, and her responsibility to be in submission to his authority by obeying his command to them.

The **third** thing that she did was omit a very important word in the text. She left out the word **freely!** In [Genesis 3:2](#) she told the serpent, “*We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*” But that is not what God said to them! He said, “*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*” [Genesis 2:16](#). He said that they may **freely** eat! What this did was detract away from the wonderful grace of God in that he not only provided them Bible Doctrine, a perfect environment, and perfect bodies, but he also graciously provided for them all the wonderful fruit that the garden provided and they could eat freely of all of it, all except the one tree!

Remember the last warning God gave to man in the Book of Revelation. It is so appropriate because the very first rebellion of man on earth was to take away from what God said and add to what God said. We are to live by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. We are not to take away from it, nor are we to add our own two cents to it! “*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*” [Revelation 22:18,19](#)

The **fourth** thing that the woman did was **add her own words to the Word of God!** She said **that God told them not to even touch the tree lest they die!** This was not only heresy, but a bold face lie! “*Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*” God never told them they couldn't touch it! He told them they couldn't eat its fruit! Now she was adding to what God had said in her arrogance. She was also implying that the fruit was poisonous, which would cause their death, which is saying in effect that a perfect God had made something that would poison them!

The **fifth** thing she did was omit a very important word in [Genesis 3:3](#), when she said, “*Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*” She completely misquoted the Lord's command in [Genesis 2:17](#), where he said, “*for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*” What she did was leave out the first word for dying!

In the Hebrew what we have in [Genesis 2:17](#) is מות תמות, *moth tamuth*. This passage has in the **first** word the qal infinitive absolute of *muth*, the word for death. And in the **second** word we have the qal imperfect of *muth*, again the word for death. So what we end up with is “*dying, you will die*”, a very intensive concept.

But in [Genesis 3:3](#) when the woman was giving her false interpretation on doctrine to the serpent she

simply said, "*lest ye die*", פִּן־תָּמֹתוּן, *ben-temuthun*. **She left the first word for death out!** This completely changed the meaning and thrust of what God had commanded the original couple to avoid.

In Genesis 2:17 we have the doubling of the verb to die, "*dying, you will die*", not just to intensify the concept, but to bring out **a very important theological concept**. The first verb of to die, "*dying*", brings out the concept of **spiritual death**, while the second verb of to die, "*you will die*", brings out **physical death**!

The day that the man and the woman ate of the fruit would instantaneously bring about their spiritual death. Any and all spiritual fellowship they had with God up to that time would be gone. And from that spiritual death physical death would follow. Even though Adam physically lived for 930 years, he died spiritually the day that he ate the fruit.

Now when the woman was talking to the serpent she left out this very important concept of Bible Doctrine. She left out this matter of spiritual death! Now we have to ask the question why? It wasn't because she was stupid. It wasn't because she had a memory lapse. And it wasn't because she didn't know what Christ said about spiritual death! It was because she didn't feel that it was very important. The spiritual life that the two had with God was that spiritual dynamic whereby they could have fellowship with God; apparently this was not important to the woman.

C. Some Questions.

Why is the woman having a conversation with an animal, instead of with her husband or the Lord? Obviously the Lord was perfect and her husband was created perfect. Any conversation she would have had with either one would have been a doctrinal one and she would have had spiritual fellowship. This indicates that there already is a problem.

Why is she occupied with the material creation, especially the one tree in the garden that she wasn't allowed to eat from, but not the Bible Doctrine she was getting from the Lord everyday? This reveals a turning from the things of the Word and becoming more interested in the things of the world! A pattern prevalent today as well.

Why did she misquote the Lord? This couldn't have been a memory lapse because she was created with a perfect mind. If Adam could remember the names of the hundreds of thousands of creatures God assigned him to do, then she should be able to remember a sentence from Christ! This leads us to the conclusion that it was an intentional misquote; one arising out of the rejection of Christ and her husband's authority over her to interject her own doctrine.

Why did Eve reach out and take the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? You say she was deceived. True! But why did she reach out, take the fruit and eat it? She did it because she wanted it. If she didn't want what it offered, she would have ignored it.

So what motivated the woman to want to eat from the tree? What was it that she wanted? **She wanted knowledge**. But she was already getting knowledge from her husband and the Lord everyday! **So what she wanted was to possess a knowledge that Adam didn't have!** Now she couldn't have known what this knowledge consisted of before she ate it; all she knew was that it was a knowledge that she didn't have, and that Adam didn't have, and that it would have elevated her above Adam to the level of God!

So did the woman feel intellectually inferior to the man? The evidence points out that she did. God made the man the ruler of the world long before he created the woman and brought her to him. God made the man the ruler of the home after the woman was created and brought to him. The man and the Lord had a friendship and fellowship long before the woman came on the scene. And the man showed a great intellect and conversational abilities in his naming of the creatures.

Did the woman develop a problem with the man's and the Lord's authority over her? Again the text shows that she did, and this is the door that the serpent through through to beguile her. She ignored her husband's authority and teaching, and she deliberately ignored the Lord's command not to eat the fruit. In one fell swoop she could become a liberated, empowered feminist by acquiring a knowledge that her husband didn't have, and one that only God had, through eating the forbidden fruit! Eve lusted after the power to rule over her husband. The very thought of it stimulated her. She would no longer be under anyone's authority and could overthrow the man's rule of the earth under God.

D. The switch from faith to rationalism and empiricism.

*“And when the woman **saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was **pleasant** to the eyes, and a tree to be **desired** to make **one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” Genesis 3:6*

The issues for the man and the woman in the garden were: the Word of God, authority, faith in Bible Doctrine and obedience to God. God had established one command that they were responsible to abide by to demonstrate that the two of them were under his authority. This obedience would proceed from believing what the Lord had said.

But somewhere along in the process the woman stopped believing the Lord and switched over to rationalism and empiricism. She was no longer going to govern her actions by believing and obeying the Lord, but out of the reasoning process of her own mind based upon what she observed. **Even today this breaks the spiritual dynamic.**

Seeing that the tree was good for food, that it was **pleasing** to the eye, (desirable to eat), and **desirable** to make one **wise** all came about by the use of the eyes, empiricism, and by the use of the reasoning process of the mind. **She had now turned from faith in the revealed Word of God to rationalism and empiricism.**

By this one action she had thrown off the authority of her husband and the authority of Jesus Christ over her. And she was now departing from the spiritual dynamic of fellowship with God. It appears that her spiritual “*dying*” was now in progress. It brings in the idea of James 1:15, “*Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, **when it is finished**, bringeth forth death.*” We often think of death only at the actual moment of death, but not the process of dying that leads to the final breath.

So why did she eat the fruit? She did it because of what it offered her. **It would give her something that her husband did not have.** In fact, it would elevate her **above** her husband because she would have a knowledge that he did not possess.

It no longer mattered to her what God had said, nor the potential consequences of her decision. All that mattered now was getting this knowledge; she lusted after it! By having this knowledge she would throw off the authority of her husband and the Lord and not only raise herself above her husband, but also above the Lord! She now would be at the level of God! She now would be a **goddess!**

God had made the man the authority, the ruler over the world and everything on the earth: plants, animals and that included the woman when she came along. But the woman wanted that power, that rule, that authority, that control for herself! She wanted it; she lusted after it and her way to get it was by eating the fruit. Satan was now leading the woman down the path that he had taken long before. He lusted after the power and authority that God had over the universe and in his jealousy went after it. And now the woman was following his lead by turning from obedience to the revealed Word of God to fulfill her own lust for power and control.

E. 6,000 years of lusting for control.

And here we are today; **the woman in the home is still lusting for the control over her husband and the home**. She wants to be in charge; she wants to be the authority; she wants to make the decisions; she wants to rule over her husband. It is a part of the sin nature of every woman on earth.

But now she has big brother government, under Satan, and thanks to the satanic women's lib movement, assisting her to get the control of the home and the children away from the man, who is still the rightful ruler over the home because of the mandate of God. Now, all the power of the state and its guns are there to back her up in her lust to have the power and control over the man and the home!

There are three areas that God gave the man the authority over and these still stand today: the running of the **earth**, which would include the area of **government** today; the **home**, with the woman having authority over the children, but under her husband's authority. And in the area of worship and knowing God, which refers to the **church** today.

The woman is very unique and precious and has a very special place in God's creation, but it isn't to rule over the man, nor to have the control over the home. She was created for the sake of the man and to be **by his side as a helper to him as he carries out the will of God for his life on earth**.

There will be plenty of those who deny this is the case with the woman, but they are denying the truth. God says that the woman's *desire*, **lust**, will be to rule her husband and the home, "*and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*" It is a rare Christian home where you will find a Christian wife who is positive to Bible Doctrine, respects her husband's authority and obeys him. These wives are priceless.

Satan attacked the very core of God's original creation of the man and his intention for the man and the woman in the garden. God put the man in authority over the earth and over the woman, and Satan has been attacking this divine establishment for six thousand years. He is still playing on the woman's prideful lust for the control of the home to create "dissension in the ranks" in the home to overthrow her husband's authority. He wants her to be like him in his rebellion against God.

He has established the mother goddess religion to appeal to those women who lust for control. He has promoted the aspect of emotions in many religious groups, which appeal to women and men with female souls. And he has used politics, even international politics now under the United Nations, all toward the goal of destroying the authority structure that God originally established in the garden concerning man, the woman and the earth, which is still in effect today and will be forevermore!

Adam was still the ruler over the woman and the earth afterward as demonstrated by him naming the

woman, "Eve". "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."
Genesis 3:30

G. The deletion of *Yahweh's* name by Eve and the serpent.

The woman said, "**God** (*Elohim*) hath said", אמר אלהים, when referring to the commandment of God. But the text shows that it really said, "And the **LORD** God commanded the man", which was in the original, יהוה אלהים, *Yahweh Elohim*. The deletion of the name *Yahweh* is very important.

The word *Yahweh* is derived from the verb to be, which brings out the aspect that God has intrinsic life in himself, that is, he is not dependent on an outside source for his existence. It is the personal name for God, and if we wanted to translate its idea into English we would say, "The Eternal One".

Now the word *Elohim*, which is the plural of *El*, is the term used for deity. Its significance is power. The word God is more a general term used for the supreme being in heaven. For a more indepth study on the use of *El*, *Elim*, *Eloah*, *Elohim*, *El Elyon*, etc., see my Online study, "Celestial Beings".

In heaven *Yahweh* is referred to many times using one of the *El* related words, but most significantly he is referred to as *El Elyon*, that is, *El*, the highest El. Out of all the powerful beings in the heavens there is one *El* who is more powerful than all of them put together and he is enthroned in his heavenly pavillion.

The plural ending of *El*, *Elohim*, refers to the trinity, that God exists in three persons, the first, second and third member of the trinity, whom we refer to today, after the incarnation of Christ the second member of the trinity, as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Now whenever God comes to earth, or has any dealings with man on earth, or reveals himself to man on earth, he reveals himself as *Yahweh*, or *Yahweh Elohim*. When an angel came to earth he would reveal himself by his name, such as *Gabriel*, *Michael*, etc.. By this we would know his personal name and that he was an angel. When God came to earth he would reveal himself by his name also, *Yahweh*, and he would also use the word, *Elohim*, to let us know that he was *Yahweh* and that he was God!

There is also the shortening of the name from *Yahweh* to *Yah*, which could be used with other words, such as, *Yah* plus *Shua*, the word for salvation. Which would be rendered *Yah's* salvation. The progression of the word *Yahshua* went from *Yehoshua* to *Yeshua* up to the Greek *Iesous* and finally to the English Jesus. So Jesus is *Yah's* salvation. So God means that one is deity, the supreme being and *Yahweh* is the personal name of God. So *Yahweh Elohim* tells us that it was Jesus Christ there in the garden who gave the command to the man and that he was God!

Now there is no reference in the Word that Satan ever refers to God by his personal name, *Yahweh*. He only refers to God using one of the *El* related words. *El*, *Elohim*, or *El Elyon*. And this is significant when he is talking to the woman about the command given to them about not eating the fruit of the tree.

He asked the woman, "Yea, hath **God** said, Ye shall not eat of **every** tree of the garden?" He uses only the word **Elohim** here leaving out *Yahweh*, plus introducing a ridiculous scenario that God created the earth for them to live on, planted all those trees, but then commanded that they can't eat from **any** of them!

Now if a subject isn't overtly stated, then it is implied. In Genesis 2:16 the subject is stated, it's *Yahweh Elohim*. But in this passage we only have *Elohim*. Now if the serpent was referring to the Lord in the garden, who the subject was in Genesis 2:16, then he would have used *Yahweh Elohim*. But he didn't! He used only *Elohim*. In effect this was eliminating Christ from the conversation.

And this is important because Satan never refers to *Elohim* by the term *Yahweh Elohim*, as mentioned before, he only uses one of the *El* words. So when he says *Elohim* he is referring to, as the subject, the *El Elyon* in heaven. He saying in effect, "***Elohim*** didn't say that!" In one fell swoop he has eliminated Jesus Christ out of the conversation. He not only denied the deity of Jesus Christ, (which his followers have been doing ever since), but he totally even disregarded Christ in the garden.

Satan does not recognize the deity of Christ. To him he is just another one of the powerful beings in heaven. And he certainly does not recognize him as incarnate deity! He doesn't even recognize God as deity. He knows he is powerful, but not all powerful, all knowing, all present; the one who can create something out of nothing. So for him to refer back to Genesis 2:16 to Jesus Christ as *Yahweh Elohim* would be him admitting that Jesus Christ, the one in the garden with Adam, is God!

F. Some points of Bible Doctrine.

God created a perfect environment for the human race.

The man was created a perfect being.

A test of obedience was set in place to establish an authority structure.

The man was free to do anything on earth that he wanted to do.

The man was free to freely eat anything he wanted except from the one tree.

He was to dress the garden, his right vocation.

He was given an assigned task by God to name the animals.

This would have taken many years, perhaps 150 years or more.

The man was made for the purpose of fellowshiping with God

He was to live by every word that proceeded from God's mouth.

The epitome of his existence was not perfect food, a perfect body, or perfect environment, but fellowship with God each day over his Word.

All this time the man never ate from the tree, nor did he desire to eat from it.

The man was alone, the only one of his kind, but content because of his daily fellowship with Christ over his Word.

The woman was created and brought into an existing situation established by God.

She was created for the sake of the man, not the other way around.

She was to be an helper to the man in vocation.

She was to be a helper to Adam as he ruled the world.

Fellowship with the man and Christ over his Word fulfilled every aspect of her soul.

She became more interested in the creation, than the Creator.

She became more interested in things, than the Word she was getting from God.

She became socially unfaithful to Adam with the serpent.

She chose to listen to the serpent instead of to her husband and the Lord.

She became dissatisfied with God's grace provisions.

She became dissatisfied with a perfect earth, food, husband and body.

She became dissatisfied with Bible Doctrine.

There came a point in time when she wanted more for herself.

The woman wanted to have the rule of the earth.

She wanted to have the power and control over the man and the world.

She did not want to be under their authority any more.

She wanted to be above the man and like God.

Enter the dialectic of the serpent.

She distorted the Word of God and lied.

She became the first false teacher of the Word of God.

She twisted the Word away from the concept of spiritual death, basically denying it.

She elevated herself to the place of God above her husband when she gave her husband the fruit. God told Adam, "Don't eat!" But in her arrogance she said, "You can eat!"

She now was acting as Adam's God (goddess) instructing him on what to do.

Adam disobeyed God, but he did so because he trusted the one he loved.

Human love led him into disobedience and broke his spiritual fellowship with God.

Adam was cursed because he listened to his wife, not God.

Adam and the woman were created with emotion, intellect, volition, but not a conscience.

The conscience is the knowledge of good and evil.

Adam and the woman were created to resolve the angelic conflict.

Adam and the woman didn't need a conscience because they were perfect.

Eve's dissatisfaction and ambition made her a prime candidate for Satan's attack.

Satan's attack on earth didn't begin until after the woman was created.

Satan only used Eve to get at Adam to take his rule over the earth away.

Satan considered Eve Adam's "Achilles' heel" in the relationship.

Eve's "Achilles' heel" was her lust to rule over Adam and be like God.

The woman could have, if she had wanted to, corrected the serpent by accurately stating God's commandment back to him, but she didn't.

Satan capitalized on this in continuing his dialog with her. From this point on she was in total agreement with him.

Taking away from, adding to, changing around, or rejecting the Word of God puts one in the camp of Satan.

Adam was the first Adam; Christ was the Last Adam. Adam had his wife; Christ his wife also. There is a typology here.

The woman sided with the serpent, instead of her husband and the Lord.

Perfection isn't the issue, neither is the imperfection of an OSN. Volition is the issue.

Satan was perfect and he chose wrong. The woman was perfect and she chose wrong. The man was perfect and he chose wrong. They all could have chosen what was right.

In Genesis 3:1 *aph* is used to denote an interjection of a train of thought into an already existing conversation. "Did God really say?"

Satan was leading the conversation to set the woman up.

"*Dying, thou shalt die*" refers to spiritual death then physical death.

This entails the cessation of spiritual fellowship with God due to the death of the spiritual apparatus in the soul that made fellowship possible. We can lose spiritual fellowship with God today, but our spiritual apparatus, the new man, cannot die for it's eternal.

The woman demonstrated her arrogance before the act.

The woman lusted after the control of the relationship and home and demonstrated this by offering the fruit to Adam. She was in control now.

God demonstrated in his curse on the woman that his original mandate of the man being the authority over the woman was still in effect after their rebellion against him.

He told the woman, *“and thy desire shall be to (rule over) thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”*

In effect the Lord told the woman, “You lusted to have the rule over your husband, but it is he who will intensely rule over you.”

The woman was married to her right man and blew it. She did so by:

She stopped respecting the authority of her husband over her.

She stopped respecting the authority of the Lord over her.

The Word of God became unimportant to her.

She became socially unfaithful to her husband.

She became involved in the viewpoint of Satan.

When the woman rejected the authority of her husband and the Lord, and rejected BD, she removed herself from their protection and put herself in spiritual “harm's way”.

The woman was the first human Satan influenced to join the ranks of the 1/3, those fallen angels who joined him in his rebellion against God.

Satan's plan was to take the man's authority over the earth away from him and he succeeded by using the man's wife.

But where the first Adam failed the last Adam succeeded and now God, once again, has a man, Jesus Christ, ruling over the earth.

The woman had her right man, perfect environment, a perfect beautiful body, perfect food, a life filled with wonderful delights of all categories, the Lord and Bible Doctrine and blew it because she didn't want to be under authority.

Satan offered her the opportunity to throw off her husband and Lord's authority to become like God and she took it.

Even though Satan deceives, it still comes down to the choice of who we are going to believe. Satan? Or God?

Despite Satan's ongoing propaganda barrage for over 6,000 years, the man is still the authority over the wife, the home and in the church.

Women and men, including Christian women and men, who reject this doctrine have aligned themselves with Satan and the woman. They have denied Bible Doctrine; they have denied original sin; they have denied God's judgment on the woman; and they have adopted the arrogant viewpoint of

Satan.

In essence they have allied themselves with the rebel forces of Satan.

If one is going to minimize the importance of “living by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God, all they need to do is consider the result of the man and the woman.

The man was referred to both as the man and Adam before the fall, but the woman did not get her name, Eve, until after the curse was laid and she accepted the salvation plan.

Adam's curse was the loss of dominion over the world, expulsion from the place of great blessing and now having to work to provide food for Eve and himself.

Eve, instead of being the cooperative helper that God intended for her to be, would now be continuing on in her fight for the control of the home and rebellion against authority.

Adam now would have to be contending with a rebellious will, which could be corrected on her part through Bible Doctrine, the confession of sin to God and humility.

Continued enjoyment of God's blessings for them in the garden was dependent upon their occupation with Christ over his Word.

As the last Adam's wife our continued enjoyment of God's blessings for us is dependent on our occupation with Christ through Bible Doctrine.

It is a mistake to conclude that Adam and Eve's happiness was due to perfect environment and a perfect body. It was due to fellowship with Christ over his Word.

The souls of Adam, Eve and all humanity were created by Christ for the purpose of spiritual fellowship with him over Bible Doctrine.

The peace, happiness and well being of Adam and Eve in the garden was contingent on the spiritual dynamic. Regardless of how perfect everything else was only Bible Doctrine would satisfy their souls.

The husband is commanded to love his wife. The wife is commanded to respect her husband and submit to his authority.

The woman in the garden became dissatisfied with Bible Doctrine and her place in the created order and lusted after what did not belong to her.

Women today still want to control the man, the home and the children.

Women lust for power in the church. Either directly, or indirectly through their husbands.

In America women have sought control of the legislatures, passing certain laws, to assist them in their age old lust to take the authority away from the man over the home.

Satan is the being behind these laws, yet God has never changed. It is still the man who is the authority over his wife, his children, his home, the nation and the church.

The woman's act of rebellion, selfishness and lust plunged herself, her husband, her children and the entire human race into a Christless eternity in the lake of fire.

Adam's spiritual relationship with Christ was completely satisfying for his soul.

Adam's love for the woman opened up new areas in his soul not previously experienced.

This new soul experience clouded and overpowered his decision making process.

Tactics women employ to disregard the man's authority, to control him and to influence men to get them to do what they want them to do:

Suggestion – The implanting of an idea in the mind of another by a word or act so as to influence their thinking and actions toward a desired goal. Satan used this on the woman. The woman used it on the man. And they have been using it ever since on men.

Manipulation - Exerting shrewd or devious influence on another person, without without them being aware of what you're doing, to accomplish your purpose in them.

Dialog - A conversation between two or more people. “Let's talk about it”. The purpose of which is where the woman uses words to sway the man over to her point of view so she can get what she wants.

Sympathy – Using the feelings that the man has for the woman to sway him.

Sickness – Using a particular frailty, sickness, or problem that the woman has to get him to do what she wants him to do. “Feel sorry for me”.

Guilt – Playing on the man's conscience over something he did, or something he should have done to get one's way. Make him feel guilty. Guilt is a great motivating tool that women use successfully on their husbands and their children.

Withholding affection – To refrain from giving, granting, or permitting. Using the “cold shoulder” treatment.

Withholding sex – These two items are used as rewards and punishments. If you do what she wants, then she is sweet, warm, loving and affectionate. If you don't, then she turns off the charm, is cold and distant and refuses to have sex.

Anger – Anger proceeds out of not getting your way. So the woman uses anger to force the man into doing what she wants him to do.

Arguments – From bickering all the way to full blown raging arguments women try to argue the men into doing what they want.

Threats - A threat is also an explicit or implicit message from a person to another that the first will cause something bad to happen to the other, often except when certain demands are met. “If you don't do this I'll leave you.” Or, “I'll call the cops”. Or, “I'll divorce you and take the kids.”

Men don't have to resort to any of these manipulation tactics to control the home for they already have been given the authority and control over the home by Jesus Christ!

F. The deletion of *Yahweh's* name by Eve and the serpent.

The woman said, “**God** (*Elohim*) hath said”, אמר אלהים, when referring to the commandment of God. But the text shows that it really said, "And the **LORD** God commanded the man", which was in the original, יהוה אלהים, *Yahweh Elohim*. The deletion of the name *Yahweh* is very important.

The word *Yahweh* is derived from the verb to be, which brings out the aspect that God has intrinsic life in himself, that is, he is not dependent on an outside source for his existence. It is the personal name for God, and if we wanted to translate its idea into English we would say, "The Eternal One".

Now the word *Elohim*, which is the plural of *El*, is the term used for deity. Its significance is power. The word God is more a general term used for the supreme being in heaven. For a more indepth study on the use of *El*, *Elim*, *Eloah*, *Elohim*, *El Elyon*, etc., see my Online study, "Celestial Beings".

In heaven *Yahweh* is referred to many times using one of the *El* related words, but most significantly he is referred to as *El Elyon*, that is, *El*, the highest El. Out of all the powerful beings in the heavens there is one *El* who is more powerful than all of them put together and he is enthroned in his heavenly pavillion. The plural ending of *El*, *Elohim*, refers to the trinity, that God exists in three persons, the first, second and third member of the trinity, whom we refer to today, after the incarnation of Christ the second member of the trinity, as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Now whenever God comes to earth, or has any dealings with man on earth, or reveals himself to man on earth, he reveals himself as *Yahweh*, or *Yahweh Elohim*. When an angel came to earth he would reveal himself by his name, such as *Gabriel*, *Michael*, etc.. By this we would know his personal name and that he was an angel. When God came to earth he would reveal himself by his name also, *Yahweh*, and he would also use the word, *Elohim*, to let us know that he was *Yahweh* and that he was God!

There is also the shortening of the name from *Yahweh* to *Yah*, which could be used with other words, such as, *Yah* plus *Shua*, the word for salvation. Which would be rendered *Yah's* salvation. The progression of the word *Yahshua* went from *Yehoshua* to *Yeshua* up to the Greek *Iesous* and finally to the English Jesus. So Jesus is *Yah's* salvation. So God means that one is deity, the supreme being and *Yahweh* is the personal name of God. So *Yahweh Elohim* tells us that it was Jesus Christ there in the garden who gave the command to the man and that he was God!

Now there is no reference in the Word that Satan ever refers to God by his personal name, *Yahweh*. He only refers to God using one of the *El* related words. *El*, *Elohim*, or *El Elyon*. And this is significant when he is talking to the woman about the command given to them about not eating the fruit of the tree.

He asked the woman, "Yea, hath **God** said, Ye shall not eat of **every** tree of the garden?" He uses only the word **Elohim** here leaving out *Yahweh*, plus introducing a ridiculous scenario that God created the earth for them to live on, planted all those trees, but then commanded that they can't eat from **any** of them!

Now if a subject isn't overtly stated, then it is implied. In Genesis 2:16 the subject is stated, it's

Yahweh Elohim. But in this passage we only have *Elohim*. Now if the serpent was referring to the Lord in the garden, who the subject was in Genesis 2:16, then he would have used *Yahweh Elohim*. But he didn't! He used only *Elohim*. In effect this was eliminating Christ from the conversation.

And this is important because Satan never refers to *Elohim* by the term *Yahweh Elohim*, as mentioned before, he only uses one of the *El* words. So when he says *Elohim* he is referring to, as the subject, the *El Elyon* in heaven. He saying in effect, "***Elohim*** didn't say that!" In one fell swoop he has eliminated Jesus Christ out of the conversation. He not only denied the deity of Jesus Christ, (which his followers have been doing ever since), but he totally disregarded Christ in the garden.

Satan does not recognize the deity of Christ. To him he is just another one of the powerful beings in heaven. And he certainly does not recognize him as incarnate deity! He doesn't even recognize God as deity. He knows he is powerful, but not all powerful, all knowing, all present; the one who can create something out of nothing. So for him to refer back to Genesis 2:16 to Jesus Christ as *Yahweh Elohim* would be him admitting that Jesus Christ, the one in the garden with Adam, is God!

I. Eve after the fall.

"*And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*" Genesis 4:1

והאדם ידע את־חווה אשתו ותהר ותלד את־קין ותאמר קניתי איש את־יהוה

She said, "*I have gotten a man from the Lord*", *eth Yahweh*, but this is a difficult passage to interpret. In fact, there are many things going on in this verse. Is it, '*I have gotten a man with the help of Yahweh*', as some translations have it? Or, '*I have gotten a man, Yahweh*' ? Or, '*I have gotten a man in opposition to Yahweh*'? saying in effect, '***Yahweh made a man; I have made a man***'?

Moses' narrative here says that she *bare, yalad, Cain*. But when quoting Eve she doesn't use *yalad*, the normal word for bearing children, she uses *qanah*!

The word *qanah* meant to acquire something not previously possessed. If in the case of property, it meant to buy something. If in the area of something else, it meant to acquire something **by creating it or making it**. It can be rendered to acquire, to buy, to create, to make, to produce and to beget.

This could be taken as a boast. As the Lord had created a man; she had created a man! I don't know how much biology that Eve understood, after all this was her first child, but did Eve think that she had created or made a man all by herself? Her statement of, *I have acquired, gotten or created a man, qanah*, instead of "**we**" indicates that.

We see after the fall that it's still all about Eve. Instead of using the normal phraseology of, "I have borne Adam a son", or, "We have a son now", we see Eve using the 1ps of **I** instead of the 1pp of **we** in the matter. By referring only to herself it indicates she has disregarded Adam in the matter and the Lord; a familiar theme today in America.

Then there is the name, *Cain, Qayin*, where there is an allusion to *qanah*, to acquire, produce, create, or possess, making *Cain's* name, possession. Indicating Eve's attitude toward her first born son. *Cain* was **her's** now; she made him and he's **her** son! And how this is replayed today by millions of women who

totally disregard the man in all this.

It appears that the structure of the names of the three firstborn sons in that their names came about as the result of the events connected with them. This indicates that *Eve* named *Cain* and *Abel*, as well as *Seth*. "*And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth.*" Genesis 4:25a

Once again we see Eve disregarding the authority of Adam over the home and still trying to have the control over Adam and the home because **she was the one who named Seth**. But it was *Yahweh Elohim* who appointed Adam as the namer of the animals and people! Remember, it was he who gave the name Eve to the woman. But we see *Seth (Sheth)* now going back to the original mandate from God in the naming of children for he named his son *Enosh*.

In Genesis 4:1 she spoke of **Cain** as the **man she had produced, made, or acquired**. In verse 2 mention is made of **Abel, Hebel**. And in verse 25 Eve states, "*For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.*" In this verse she now refers to having another son, **Seth**, as a **seed** to replace the other seed she had lost referring to *Abel*.

Now this is an interesting and significant concept for it deals with the concept of the coming Messiah promised by *Yahweh*. When God placed his curse on the serpent in Genesis 3:15, "*And I will put enmity between thee and **the woman**, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*", he promised that the promised seed would come through the woman. With the subject of **the woman** being brought out here, and followed by **her seed**, it would be easy for Eve to conclude that God was talking about **her** and that **she would be the woman through whom the promised Messiah would come into the world!!**

This theme of a woman bearing the promised Messiah was borne out for thousands of years by untold numbers of women. They believed, they hoped, that they would be the one through whom the Messiah would come into the world. And Eve was the first one to do that. Which has some bearing on our interpretation of the passage.

On the other side, Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod, also believed that she was the one through whom the savior of the world would come into the world as she bore her son, Tammuz, the Babylonian messiah.

As we have seen the first born son's name was Cain, which had the idea of possession. The idea of possession comes from the right of making something. When an individual manufactures or makes something, then whatever they make is theirs by right of possession. We can certainly see the idea of **possessiveness** here.

Their second born son, Abel, had the ideas of breath, vapor, wind, vanity, etc., in it. It would have the idea of breathing out, like a sigh, on a cold day and the vapor would rapidly dissipate. This looks at the emptiness of life outside the Garden and how life is like a fleeting vapor.

Eve now realizes the reality of the consequence of her sin and loss of blessings. Now her life is filled with the pain of bearing children, probably every year or so, one does not know, and a life of tedium. Cain could have been a hot-tempered child making it even more difficult to raise him.

Their third born son she named, Seth, which meant in place of; God had given her another son to replace Abel, whom Cain had murdered. One could only imagine the heartbreak and depression of both Adam and Eve in all this. Their first born son ended up becoming an angry, arrogant murderer. Their

second born son ended up being murdered by his brother. Cain was banished from their presence by the Lord, and while all this was going on they still had the memories of what life was like in the garden and what their reality was now outside the garden!

One can only speculate on how bitter Adam could have become toward Eve after his expulsion from the garden. Thrust from the beauty and ease of life in the garden, his spiritual fellowship with the Lord broken, losing his right job, deposed as the ruler of the world, and now thrust out into a hot, hostile world where he would have to work by the sweat of his brow all day long just to eat!

The woman lusted to be in control of Adam and to have the rule over him. She also lusted to become like God herself. This is why she ate the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. She thought that if she had a knowledge that Adam didn't possess she would be "one up on him" and would become the one in control. And by having a knowledge that only God possessed she would be equal with God! And if she was equal with God, then he couldn't tell her what to do!

She had disregarded her husband's and the Lord's authority over her; she had counted as unimportant the doctrine she was getting from the Lord; she had become bored with her place in all this and wanted more for herself.

But there is a progression in all this and it began with Bible Doctrine. When Bible doctrine was no longer important to her, then she became interested in everything else that was going on around her, then she began to get bored with who she was and what her place was in all this, then she began to want more for herself, and then Satan merely offered her the opportunity to liberate herself from Adam and the Lord and be all that she wanted to be – and she went for it!

We see her first act of control over her husband when she offered him the forbidden fruit. God, Adam's rightful authority, told him not to eat. But Eve comes to him, usurping God's authority, and says it's OK to eat. Now Adam was wrong when he ate of it, but by her doing this **she was now placing herself over her husband in the place of God!**

It was Eve's lust to be over Adam in authority and be like God that motivated her to eat the forbidden fruit and sin against God. And after she sinned, (the first human to sin against God); it was her lust still to be over Adam in authority that motivated her to give Adam the fruit so he would sin against God.

Her lust to rule over Adam was there in the garden before she sinned and it was there after she sinned! It was present while she was in the garden and was present after she was expelled from the garden. And that same lust to rule over Adam was there before she was saved and after she was saved. It kind of explains things, doesn't it.

So this was Eve's mind-set in the garden and out of the garden, before she sinned and after she sinned, and before she was saved and after she was saved. And then we come down to Genesis 4:1, "*And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*" In all this Eve is the subject; Eve is the one who accomplished all this. And it wasn't for many years later that we see Eve reflecting a grace mental attitude of humility before the Lord, when she said that the Lord had given her another child. Before it was all about her.

So is the passage, "*I have gotten a man from the Lord*", eth Yahweh, to be translated as, '*I have gotten a man with the help of Yahweh*', as some translations have it? Or, '*I have gotten a man, Yahweh*'? Or, '*I have gotten a man in opposition to Yahweh*'? Is she saying in effect, '*Yahweh made a man; I have made*

a man'?

If we translate the passage, *eth Yahweh*, as "*with the help of Yahweh*", it begs the question why didn't she use the word to **help, azar**? It's not that she wasn't familiar with it because she was created by God to be a **helper, azar**, to Adam! She was an *azar*! By the way ladies, in case you think it's demeaning to be an helper to your husband remember that in the OT and the NT God calls himself our helper! So you're in good company.

Remember also the woman's mind set in all this; **she didn't want to be an helper to her husband, she wanted to rule over him!** And she wasn't looking for God's help either; she wanted to throw off his authority and be equal with him. It's the mind set of Eve that takes us down a different path for understanding what was going on here.

As far as *eth Yahweh* being an object, 'I have gotten a man, *Yahweh*', many others throughout the years, including Martin Luther, had come to that conclusion as well. But this rendering also ignores the tone of the passage and the history that had been going on.

The words used, the tone of the passage and the history of what was going on in Eve's mind throughout all this points us in the direction that she was stating this as a boast in opposition to the Lord and that she had made a man as *Yahweh* had made a man. And it isn't until you get down to verse 25, and many years, later that Eve recognizes that the Lord had given her a man or seed in her statement of, "*And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For **God**, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.*" Genesis 4:25

Eve threw off the authority of Adam and the Lord over her before she ate of the forbidden fruit, that was her motivation, her lust for eating the fruit. Her first act of "personal empowerment" was to go against God's command and offer the fruit to her husband, who at that time was still sinless! **Her first act in her state of rebellion, arrogance and sin was to lead her husband into sin!**

Now after she had sinned, and subsequently believed on the Lord and was forgiven, nothing had changed! She was now a forgiven sinner **who still wanted to be in control over her husband! She was still fighting his authority!**

And, as far as Adam was concerned, he **never got the control over her in the marriage!** She was still fighting his authority! With the result that instead of being the type of doctrinal mother under authority, who raises her children to love and respect the Lord and his Word, and abide by his authority; **she let the kids run wild! And the first child she raised became an arrogant, angry monster who murdered his brother!**

J. What's in a name?

Names may not hold much significance today in the naming of one's children, but they did in those days, for they told us something that was going on, not just with the child, but with the surrounding circumstances.

The first son ever to be born was named **Cain**. Now Cain, meant to make, produce or create something, therefore it had the idea of a possession. We studied this out earlier in the naming of the boy.

Abel, was an onomatopoeic word meaning breath, vapor, or sighing. This brought in the new reality of life outside the garden. At one time Adam and Eve's life was a wonderful life of pleasure and ease, but now it was full of suffering, tedium, monotony, pain and hard work revolving around an endless, meaningless existence. Not to mention the dismay and frustration of watching their firstborn son turn into an angry monster.

Then there came **Seth**, which meant in place of. God gave her this son to replace *Abel* whom *Cain* had murdered.

We had seen that Eve thought the Redeemer would come through her personally, and when he did, he would change things; he would perhaps restore them. Eve's "hopes" were on her firstborn son, *Cain*, but after she saw what he turned out to be, (under her influence), she put her "hopes" on her second born son, *Abel*. But when *Cain* murdered him that eliminated both boys. Now her third born son, *Seth*, comes along, whom she named *Seth* in taking the place of *Abel*.

It's like so many mothers down throughout the ages who "put their hopes" on a certain son that he will turn out good and make her proud. It starts out with the first son, but when he disappoints her, she transfers that "hope" to the next son, and on down to she finally does it with her last son, her baby.

Now when *Seth* had a son, **he named him Enosh**. "*And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*" Genesis 4:26 And we notice that it was *Seth*, the man, who named him. The word **Enosh** signified to be weak, to be feeble, to be mortal, those suffering in punishment. The emphasis is on the sinful nature of the flesh, that is, it refers to man after the fall in the garden, or fallen humanity.

By the naming of the first three sons born on earth the names they were given we are given tremendous spiritual and psychological insight into what was going on in all of them after the fall. Their given names have tremendous significance!

For example, the word *Adam* gives us the idea of man, mankind, or humanity, as well as Adam's personal name. The word *Ish* for man speaks of the masculine gender, as well as a man. Another word for man is *Geber* which emphasizes the nobility of character of a man, often referred to as an hero. And when we come to another word for man, *Enosh*, that brings out the sinfulness of man, or man in his fallen humanity.

Seth named his son **Incurable**, or **Fallen**, bringing in the ideas along that line of the meaning of *Enosh*, because **he had finally realized** that, due to his father and mother's sin against God, **he and all the other humans had acquired a fallen nature**, a nature of flesh that had been corrupted by sin! And regardless of what mother had hoped for, and regardless of what he, them and everyone else could try to do to correct that dynamic, nothing would work. Man was incurable, man was hopeless in regard to that matter of sin to do anything to change it. It was the realization of this spiritual reality that motivated him to name his son Incurable. **He had come to the place in his life where he finally saw that man, including himself, was totally sinful**. And this problem still exists today in most people. They fail, or refuse, to see their own sinfulness!

Remember, *Adam*, *Eve*, *Cain*, *Abel*, *Seth*, their daughters and sisters were the most perfect specimens of humanity ever to exist on this planet. Even after the fall they were perfectly proportioned, smart, handsome, beautiful, strong, athletic, rugged and lived, for some of them, almost to the age of 1,000 years!

And most of them refused to see, ignored, or didn't care to see that **they all had fallen, sinful natures**. It's just like today where the rich and famous, the handsome and beautiful, the successful and educated and everyone else; how many of them scoff at the thought that they have fallen, sinful natures? But *Seth* was different; **he saw this about himself and about everyone else**. And when did he realize this and name his son? When he was 105 years old! **And all this took place 235 years after the Fall of Adam and Eve! It took 235 years for the early race to realize that they were all sinners!**

Now what is interesting is that **it is at this time that man began to call upon the name of *Yahweh***. And “*And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*” Genesis 4:26

Seth now realized that the human race, his own father and mother's children, were all hopelessly incurable! Sin had infiltrated into everyone of them like an incurable, evil virus! And he also realized that there was nothing that any of them could do about their mortality and sinfulness. **He also realized that only *Yahweh Elohim*, their creator, had the answers so they called on him for help and salvation.**

Regardless of how good their environment was at that time, (it was good, but not idyllic like the garden); regardless of how great the food was, (they were vegetarians); regardless that they were the most perfect specimens of humanity and more intelligent than any living today; it took them 235 years to see their sinful condition and get away from works oriented thinking to finally turn to God and his grace!

K. Principles of rule and authority.

By virtue of the fact that *Yahweh Elohim* created the heavens and the earth he is entitled to rule over them. It is from this absolute dominion he is entitled to place man as the ruler over the earth. He chose to establish man as the ruler of the earth and the woman under the authority of the man. God alone decides who rises to power and who stays in power. One needs to consider this when complaining about the leadership of their nation. God sends good leaders to a righteous people and he sends tyrannical leaders to a people who are wicked. **The worse a people become the worse their leaders become.**

All human dominion derives from God, who alone empowers mortals to exercise dominion over his creation and other people. God can punish a people by depriving them of a ruler, “*And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?*” Habakkuk 1:14 *Or by placing evil, mean or incompetent rulers over them.* “*And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.*” Psalms 106:41 “*Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.*” Lamentations 5:8

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, grand master of the Babylonian mystery religion, an antichrist, and the ruler of the world at that time, learned that *Yahweh Elohim* was and is the ruler of heaven and earth through the suffering of insanity. “*And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*” Daniel 4:32

It was at the end of the seven years imposed upon him by God that his sanity was restored when he recognized the rule of Yahweh over the earth. “*And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*” Daniel 4:34-37

It is true indeed that, “*For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*”
1 Peter 5:5b How many of us have had to learn this the hard way?

The woman rebelled at the authority structure that God had established on the earth; she wanted to be the leader; she wanted to be in charge! We notice that **Adam was with her**, not **her with Adam**. And here *she is leading Adam to the tree*, and she was the one doing all the talking with the serpent! Instead of talking to the Lord, or to her husband, **she is taking the control and doing all the talking with the serpent!** “*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband **with her**; and he did eat.*” Genesis 3:6

But she soon found out that God's purpose cannot be thwarted. God told the woman, “*and he shall rule over thee.*”, Genesis 3:16b, and the word he uses for **ruling** is *marshal*. It is from this concept we will see the principle of rule, authority, who the authority is, where the concept of authority comes from, and the negative reaction to rule and authority, which we call pride.

We have to recognize, first of all, that human dominion does exist on earth. We see it in courts, in law, in kings, presidents, despots and rulers. But what we have to recognize is that **all human dominion on earth derives from God**, who empowers or authorizes mortals to exercise dominion on earth. Now there are those who see and accept this principle and there are those who reject it.

To accept this we need to see that God has the right to exercise dominion over the earth, because as its creator he has the right, not only of ownership, but also the right of rule. It's similar to the right that one has as the manufacturer of something. When a person, or a corporation makes or manufactures something, then they have the absolute ownership of whatever it is that they have made and they can do with it as they please.

If they want to sell it they can and in so doing they then pass on the title to the buyer. If they want to break it and do something else with it they can because they own it! It's theirs to do with as they please because they created it by making it.

When God created the heavens and the earth he became the sole and legitimate owner of all these things. He can keep them, he can destroy them if he wants to, he can destroy them and make new heavens and a new earth if he wants to because he owns them. **Yahweh is the ruler of the universe by virtue of his act of creation!**

He also can make living creatures and place them in the heavens, whom we call angels, to have rule over his heavenly realm. And he can make living creatures, whom we call man, to place them over his earthly realm, which he did with the man, Adam.

God made the earth, therefore making it his own possession. And then God created the man, Adam, which makes Adam his possession, and then placed **Adam on the earth as the ruler over the earth!** It's important to remember, though, that even though God made the man as the ruler over the earth, which still stands today, he never transferred the title of the earth over to man. God still holds the title to the earth.

So now we have God creating the planet earth and then creating man to have dominion over the planet for God. It's God's earth and man is to rule the earth under God. So now we have delegated authority. Authority is handed down from above from the authority. And God never handed down authority to the woman. Man still has the rule over the earth and over the woman.

Malak, the rule of a king, is a word used for dominion, as well as *mashal*, but *malak* focuses more on the person, while *mashal* focuses on the rule or dominion itself. God is the one who has dominion over the earth because he is earth's creator. And God is the one who places different men to rule over the people on the earth. Now they may be kings, they may be presidents, or they may be dictators!

God also places evil, mean, or incompetent rulers over people as his punishment on them. And he also places good rulers as a blessing to people who please him. “*And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.*” Psalm 106:41 “*The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.*” Proverbs 12:24 “*And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.*” Isaiah 3:4 “*As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.*” Isaiah 3:12 “*Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.*” Lamentations 5:8

Yahweh created the entire universe and he has the right to rule over that which he has created. This is his dominion and it is an absolute dominion for there is none beside him and none above him. And as its creator, owner and ruler he has the right to establish who he wants to rule over it. And in the case of the earth he has established that man is to rule over the earth and everything on the earth.

Now when it comes down to the nation in which we live, or a specific area in that nation, and we look around and find that the rulers are corrupt, or tyrannical, or incompetent, one needs to consider that God too has placed these men, or women, over the people in that nation as punishment!

Now along that idea of rule it's interesting that we find the same word used, *mashal*, when Christ is talking to Cain when he was so angry that God rejected his sacrifice. “*If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*” Genesis 4:7

Cain was very angry; he was filled with enormous rage. And the Lord talked to him about it. He said that sin was crouching at the door like a vicious beast to destroy him. Sin was lusting after him, *teshuqah*, the same word that was used for the woman lusting for the power that Adam had.

Then the Lord uses the word given to the man for his rule over the earth, *mashal*. He says that you must

be the one who is ruling in the situation. And this takes us down to the idea of **self control**. It is the mental attitude of pride that brings on the emotion of anger. And once anger is there then all sorts of evil will ensue.

By the Lord telling *Cain* he was to gain the rule over the situation he was telling him that he had a **choice!!** He could choose how all this would go. And it all went back to *Cain* recognizing the principle of authority and who the authority was. The one standing before him was the one who created the earth and he was the authority over it.

All *Cain* had to do was humble himself there before *Yahweh Elohim* by following the prescribed protocol concerning the sacrifice and offering up the sacrifice that God wanted. And even though he didn't do that at first he could still admit that he was in the wrong and offer the proper sacrifice.

All *Cain* had to do was submit himself to the mighty hand of God's rule and this self rule still applies to all of us today. *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:" 1 Peter 5:6* *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."* Romans 6:12

Pride is the rejection of the authority of God over us in life. Hopefully it will be helpful to understand what authority is, who has the authority (God), why he has the authority, (he has the right to rule over what he has created), and how beneficial it is for us in every way for us to be in submission to his authority.

The woman in the family is in authority over her children, but her authority is under the authority of her husband, who is under the authority of Jesus Christ, who operated and still operates under the authority of God the Father. And it all goes back to the one who created this has the right to rule over it. When the evolutionists deny God as the earth and man's creator they also throw off his dominion over them.

The structure of authority had already been established on earth by God **before** the woman was ever created and brought to the man. The woman was brought into a situation of an already existing planet with a man placed there by his creator as the authority and ruler over this planet. Not Mars! Not heaven! The man was the authority over just this planet. The government of God was in effect on earth with the man as its ruler. And her position in the chain of command was under his authority.

When the woman lusted after the rule that the man had and ate of the forbidden fruit to gain the power over him, what she was doing was throwing off the government of God over the earth and his rule over her! A very serious matter. And of course when it was all over, she was still under the authority of God and the man.

The command not to eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden was nothing more than a **test** to see if the man and woman would obey God to determine if they would be under his authority or not. It was a simple test of authority and once passed they would have been established in their idyllic setting forever. But as we know, they failed the test leaving us with what we have today. But there is one man who did pass the test of authority, one man who submitted to the Father's rule, and that man was Jesus Christ! *"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."* Philippians 2:8

And because of that God not only made him the ruler over the earth, but also the ruler over the entire universe! *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every*

name:” Philippians 2:9 Jesus Christ is Lord over all of God's creation. He is the King of kings. He is the High Priest of God's priests. And he is the man that is the ruler over the earth.

Our biggest problem, and the number one sin that God hates the most, is our **pride**. Pride is the mental attitude that sees ourselves higher than we are. It is the mental attitude that refuses to recognize the authority of God's rule. It is the mental attitude that rejects authority, that resents authority, that rebels against authority. It existed in Lucifer before man was created and it exists in the mental attitude of all of us today, including Christians! It opposes grace and keeps God from blessing us in grace. “*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*” James 4:6 And the only way that we can deal with our monstrous pride is to submit ourselves to the rule of God over us! “*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God (God's rule over you as Sovereign), that he may exalt you in due time.*” 1 Peter 5:6

Why is all this important to us? Because it's not just about our roles and responsibilities as men and women in life; it's not just about our areas of weaknesses; it's about **our being connected to the original couple in the garden!** It is our beginnings in the garden, (the Hebrew word Genesis means beginnings), that explains our existence today on earth.

We tend to think of ourselves in relation to our families, our friends, spouses, children, towns, careers and nations, sort of like the movie “Matrix”. What we have failed to see and need to see is **our connectedness to Adam and Eve**. From these two, humanity has spread all over the world and we are all a part of that humanity. And every area of weakness, every failure, every aspect of sin these two possessed after the fall is now inherent in all of humanity, including ourselves.

At one time their descendants had degenerated to the place that all of them, except for eight people, were destroyed from off the face of the earth by God's judgment in the flood. Indeed the flesh nature is corrupted, defiled and incurable. It is only through faith in Jesus Christ, and living within the spiritual dynamic that he supplies to all believers, can we escape that corruption we inherited from the original couple.

So yes, it is important that we understand our connectedness to Adam and Eve, for it is only then that we truly understand ourselves and our place in the history of man. And as we see the problems going on, the wars raging on the earth, the earth being destroyed, the deterioration of society, our own personal trials that we go through, and even one day our own death, for death and judgment await us all; we know that all of this is the result of that one couple in the garden. And that, when we have to face God in judgment, as all will, we have comfort and assurance because we have trusted Christ as our Savior. But in all this we also need to see where was Adam when all this was going on? Did Adam drop the ball? And was the earth as idyllic as we think it was?

L. Adam's Failure

“*And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to **keep** it.*”
:לשמרה ויקח יהוה אלהים את־האדם וינחהו בגן־עדן לעבדה ולשמרה: Genesis 2:15

There is a problem with the KJV of to **keep**, and the NIV translation of “*to take care of*”, for the usage of shamar throughout the OT in virtually every reference has the idea of to **guard** or to **protect**.

It is found in the qal infinitive construct which denotes a purpose, something is being done for a

purpose. Adam was placed in the garden for the purpose of dressing it, yes, but he was also placed there for the purpose of protecting it!

Shamar meant that one has been placed in charge of something, therefore he is responsible for it. And we want to notice that **this included the woman as well** when she was created by God, placed in the garden and given to Adam as a wife.

From this idea of responsibility we have the ideas of accountability and protection. So for Adam to protect he has to be on guard; he is to be watching for something; he is to be narrowly looking, observing, concentrating, scrutinizing, looking for something threatening or suspicious. In English we would say he is to be **vigilant**.

The word implies a potential threat! But from what? From whom? He is not told, at least not in the passage, **but he is nevertheless to be on the lookout, to guard, protect and keep safe the garden and the woman he was in charge of.**

It reminds me of the male species of creation in the animal world and how the male always stands guard over the females and their offspring, always watching, always on guard to protect them from threats.

Adam failed in his responsibility before Eve succumbed to the serpent's temptation in her lust for power. He was placed there in the garden for the purpose of not only cultivating it, but for protecting it from any internal or external threat! And the first time the serpent came there he should have rushed forward to deal with it! But he didn't! He failed to watch; he failed to protect, and as the result the serpent was able to get to his wife!

Let this be a lesson to all of God's men! God has placed us over the home to protect our wives, our children and the lot in life that he has assigned to us. But if they leave the home and reject our authority, through divorce or rebellion, then we have no more responsibility in the matter.

To fulfill our responsibility, therefore as protectors of the home, family and country (garden), we must be eternally vigilant. We must always be on the watch for negative influences, things and people that can not only bring physical harm to our families, but also moral and spiritual harm and then deal with it as God would have us according to the teaching of the Word of God.

The garden of Eden was hedged about by a mountain range, which is an interesting concept. Why the physical geographical protection? What potential threat was outside the garden? Now Adam was placed in this secure physical environment, but he was to watch over it, to protect it. But from what? The word implies the idea of an hostile environment outside the garden; not the idyllic setting we have thought the entire earth to be.

Because we have not correctly understood the true meaning of *shamar*, to keep, we have drawn a false impression of the original life on the earth down to this day. *Shamar* meant to watch, to guard, to protect, to be watching out for something.

Some have surmised that outside the garden was a world of dinosaurs. Others think that it was Satan and his fallen angels, who were judged, had their planet, this planet destroyed and came back to see what was going on with this man creature in the garden. And Adam was to be on the lookout for this!

In Genesis 3:24, “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”, after God expelled Adam and Eve from the garden, he assigned *Cherubs*, (three or more), and a flaming sword to prevent them from going back into it. *Shamar* is used once again to protect the garden and the tree of life from the couple, as well as to protect them from themselves.

Adam failed in his responsibility to protect his wife from potential threat. At the very least, Adam should have grabbed that serpent by his talking neck and dragged him back to the Lord and said, “What's this!”

Pastor-Teachers are to protect their flocks from predators and false teachers; and they are to protect the body of Bible doctrine from false teachers. Men are to watch over and protect their families and their nations. “*But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*” 1 Timothy 5:8. The word for *provide* is *pronoio* and it means to think ahead, anticipate the problems, have a solution for it and be on the watch for problems.

Only the male of the species has this unique ability and responsibility and we got it from Adam and from God for God created us this way. But how many men, like Adam, have failed to exercise *shamar* over those we love, over those whom God has given to us for safekeeping?

May God give us the grace, strength and wisdom through Bible Doctrine to become the men in the home that God wants us to be, to exercise eternal vigilance to protect **our** families from the serpent!

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