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Eve's Lust – Continued

“*And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*” Genesis 3:16b

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!

G. 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 his 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 (a 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 has 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 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.

The woman demonstrated her arrogance before the act.

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 local 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 their continued 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 in their lives 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 taken 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 perfect soul was created for fellowship with Christ and for a perfect soul interaction with a female, but had not yet the opportunity for it, nor was he aware of it.

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

The woman's creation now activated that part of his soul that lie dormant.

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

This new soul dynamic clouded and overpowered his decision making process motivating him to choose for human love not for obedience and the spiritual dynamic.

As wonderful this soul relationship was between the man and the woman, it was never to substitute for their spiritual fellowship with Christ.

In fact the soul love relationship that the two enjoyed in the garden existed and was dependent on having continued fellowship with Christ.

H. 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 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. Tactics of manipulation are used to take control away from the one who rightly has it.

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 ורתהר 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*'? Is she 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 her self? 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.

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* now going back to the original mandate from God in 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, Qayin, 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, Hebel*, 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, Shayth*, 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, have 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!**

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