

Eve, the Mother of All Living

⇒ **I. THE WORD "EVE" MEANS "LIVING."**

- This is a most appropriate title when we consider that she was the mother of all who have lived on the earth.
 - Furthermore, Eve was not created from the "dead stuff" of dirt but from the rib of a living being (man) created in the image of his God.
 - In short, the creation of woman was more of a refinement than a creation.
 - Man was formed from dirt. "Adam" means "red earth."
- Woman was formed from man.
 - She is, in effect, a higher order of creation.
 - The old adage that our grandparents and great grandparents knew is true - woman is, indeed, **"made of finer stuff."**
- Woman has a greater emotional range and capacity than man.
 - She has a greater native intelligence, more sensitivity, more fragility, and potentially more strength of character than man.
 - A Christian lady should not try to "be one of the boys" because that is lowering herself from her exalted position.
 - Rather, she should allow her husband to surround her with protection and shower her with affection.

⇒ **II. SHE WAS CREATED BECAUSE OF ADAM'S NEED.**

⇒ **Genesis 2:18**

- Notice the words, **"It is not good that the man should be alone.."**
 - Adam was alone in the Garden of Eden.
 - He was sadly in need of a help meet.
 - He longed for the communion and fellowship of a kindred soul.
 - He longed for someone with whom to share the wants and joys of his life and one who could be bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.
- Man alone is incomplete.
 - The purpose for the creation of woman was for man.
 - Though woman is a mother, her basic and primary job is being a wife.
 - The woman is the housekeeper; yet, her basic joy is to supplement man.
 - Man had a need; woman is to fulfill it.
 - She is the completer.

⇒ **III. NOTICE HOW SHE WAS MADE FROM ADAM'S RIB**

⇒ **Genesis 2:21-22.**

- God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and from his side God took material to be used in the formation of this new being. Someone has said.

- o "She was not taken from his head as if she were to be superior, nor from his feet to be despised and trampled upon by him, but from his side to be equal with him, from under his arm to be protected by him, and from near his heart to be loved by him."
- ⇒ **IV. NOTICE THERE WAS ONE MAN FOR ONE WOMAN AND ONE WOMAN FOR ONE MAN.**
 - o This is still God's plan.
 - Divorce was never in the plan of God.
 - When people become entangled because of mistakes, etc.,
 - God permits divorce; but God is not pleased with divorce.
 - There is one woman that God has for each man.
 - Every man should seek that woman and spend the rest of his life being her provider and protector.
 - o There is one man that God has for each woman.
 - Every woman should be satisfied to marry only the one that God has given her.
 - She should be content to spend the rest of her life being the completer and crown jewel of his life.
- ⇒ **V. EVE, NO DOUBT WAS THE COMPLETE WOMAN IN ALL HER BEAUTY.**
 - o Bear in mind how much more beautiful nature must have been before the fall and before sin.
 - Think how beautiful a godly woman is today, and imagine how beautiful Eve must have been before sin ever came into the world.
- ⇒ **VI. SHE WAS THE WAY TO MAN.**
- ⇒ **Genesis 3:1-7**
 - o Satan perhaps felt he could come nearer reaching Eve than Adam.
 - Consequently, he brought his temptation to her.
 - She, in turn, brought the temptation and the sin to Adam, because of his love for her as his help meet.
 - o Every woman should realize that she, in a real sense, can be Satan's way to her husband.
 - Many a man has been less than his best because his wife was not what she ought to be.
 - Many a man has done more than his potential because she was what she ought to be.
 - There is no way to discourage a man more effectively than through his wife.
 - Every woman should realize the tremendous influence that she has upon her husband.
 - Just as God has made man the leader of the two, he has made woman, in a real sense, to have more influence upon man than vice versa.

- This places an added responsibility upon woman to be what she ought to be.
- ⇒ **VII. WOMAN'S WEAKNESS IS IN HER STRENGTH.**
- o God created Eve as an help meet for Adam, but as an help meet, she also must lean upon him.
 - Satan knew this and saw immediately that Adam was not to be drawn away from God except through Eve.
 - He recognized that she was amiable, gracious, loving and kind.
 - Because of this, she was an easier prey for him than Adam; hence, he knew that she was the more tempt able of the two.
 - Certainly womanhood represents human grace at its peak.
 - o Woman is more susceptible than man because she is, by nature, more gracious and loving than man.
 - She is gracious and loving because she was made to be gracious toward man and loving toward him.
 - This means that since woman is naturally more gracious and amiable, she must also realize that she is more tempt able, and she must therefore be careful.
 - o Many a man has done wrong in an effort to please his wife.
 - A good husband wants to please his wife.
 - Because of this, the wife should be very careful to make her desires and requests good ones.
 - We have all heard about some husbands who has stolen, embezzled, etc. to provide for his wife's desires.
 - Let every woman be careful lest she tempt her husband to do wrong and lead him into sin.
- ⇒ **VIII. ADAM'S LOVE FOR EVE OVER GOD LED HIM INTO SIN.**
- ⇒ **Genesis 3:6-7.**
- o The Apostle Paul says that Adam was not deceived, but woman being deceived was in the transgression.
 - **See 1 Timothy 2:14**
 - o He knew exactly what he was doing.
 - He had a clear choice between obedience to God or following the example of his wife.
 - **See Genesis 3:17**, God stated that Adam has "**hearkened unto the voice**" of his wife.
 - The word used for "voice" here means "to proclaim, to cry out."
 - Eve, having tasted the forbidden fruit, screamed in terror as the knowledge of death and sin which she experienced.
 - It was to this terrified wife that Adam ran.
 - It was this terrified and hysterical woman, not the "beguiling Eve with an apple" so commonly portrayed, that Adam saw.
 - o Eve did not persuade Adam to sin.
 - Adam was not deceived.

- He knew the commandment and saw the effects of disobedience right before his eyes.
 - Adam was, therefore, totally responsible for his choice - therefore man's fall from grace is rightfully through Adam rather than through Eve.
- ⇒ **IX. THIS SIN LED THEM TO HIDE THEMSELVES FROM GOD.**
- ⇒ **Genesis 3:8**
- o Sin always keeps us from God's presence.
 - The reason people do not come to church is they do not want their sins revealed.
 - The reason people do not read the Bible is because of sin.
 - The reason people do not pray is because of sin.
 - Let us realize that it is sin that makes us want to avoid God.
- ⇒ **X. OTHER PASSAGES TEACH WOMAN'S DUTIES, BUT DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF HER PRIMARY DUTY.**
- o These could be taught in the lesson.
 - Good ones are **Ephesians 5:22; Titus 2:1-5**; etc.
 - o We must bear in mind, however, that regardless of how many duties we find that woman should fulfill, or how many obligations she has, her first and foremost purpose is being a help meet to man.
 - Man was lonely without her.
 - Man was in need of help without her.
 - Consequently, every woman should seek to find what her husband needs and fulfill those needs.
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
- o Every woman should picture her husband in the Garden of Eden, alone without her.
 - What would he need?
 - He would need what a woman is.
 - o Consequently, God made her for him, and each woman should examine her own husband's needs under such conditions.
 - She should become what he needs in order to make him what God had in mind in the Garden of Eden.