

Sermon Notes 5/14/23

“Eve: The Mother of All the Living”

What can we learn from the life of Eve?

I. Eve was the first _____ (Gen. 1:27).

A. Let’s honor women (Gen. 1:28).

B. Let’s accept God’s plan for us (Rom. 9:20-21).

II. Eve was the first _____ (Gen. 2:18).

A. Let’s honor our wives (Gen. 2:23).

B. Let’s accept God’s plan for marriage (Gen. 2:24).

III. Eve was the first _____ (Gen. 3:1).

A. Let’s be honest about our sin (Gen. 3:13).

B. Let’s accept God’s plan of salvation (Gen. 3:15).

IV. Eve was the first _____ (Gen. 3:20).

A. Let’s honor our mothers (Eph. 6:1-3).

B. Let’s accept God’s plan for parenting (Gen. 4:1).



Life Group Discussion Questions

Mother's Day Lesson

May 14, 2023

The Bible calls Eve “the mother of all the living” (Gen. 3:20). Eve is the mother of all people from every tribe, nation, and culture. And science confirms this fact. “Mitochondrial DNA is passed on through the female line. Studies of mitochondrial DNA from people groups around the world have shown that all women alive today can trace their ancestry back to one woman (called mitochondrial Eve).”¹ But what do we know about Eve? This Bible study is about Eve and the lessons we can learn from her life. Most of what we know about Eve is recorded in the book of Genesis.

Read Genesis 2:18-25

1. What did God say was not good? (2:18)
2. How did God make the birds and the land animals? (2:19)
3. What job did God entrust to Adam in verses 19-20?
4. How did God create the first woman? (2:21-22)
5. What did Adam say when he first met Eve? (2:23)

Verse 23 is the first recorded words of mankind, and it is a poem or a song about the first marriage. In this song, Adam gives titles to both his wife and himself. The Hebrew word for woman or wife is *ishah* (אִשָּׁה). The Hebrew word for male or husband (translated as “man” in this verse) is *ish* (אִישׁ). Both of these words appear for the first time in this verse.

6. What does verse 24 tell us about God’s plan for marriage?

Genesis 2:24 is the foundational verse for the biblical definition and doctrine of marriage. Malachi, Jesus, and Paul all quote this verse when they proclaimed God’s plan for marriage (Mal. 2:15; Matt. 19:4-6; Eph. 5:22-32).

¹ Philip Robinson and Lucien Tuinstra, “Eve: Five Things You May Not Know about Her,” April 2021, <https://creation.com/five-things-about-eve>.

Read Genesis 3:1-20

7. How does verse 1 describe the serpent?

8. What did the serpent ask the woman in verse 1? How did his question twist the original command that God gave in Genesis 2:16-17?

9. How did the woman answer the serpent? (3:2-3)

Notice that we don't read anything about Adam until we get to verse 6 where it says that he was "with her." God gave Adam the command not to eat the forbidden fruit before Eve was created (Gen. 2:17). Adam may have told Eve about the command, but he should have also done something to help her out of this situation. God gave Adam (and all husbands) the responsibility of being the leader and protector of the family. Unfortunately, Adam failed to step up and lead.

Tremper Longman observes,

We should remember that Adam was charged to guard/protect the garden (2:15). Right from the start, when the serpent first appeared, Adam should have been right there commanding this creature to get out of the garden. But Adam remains silent and does nothing.²

10. What did the serpent say in verse 4?

We know from Revelation 12:9 and 20:2 that the serpent in Genesis 3 was really the devil in disguise. The Bible warns Christians to be prepared to resist the attacks and schemes of Satan (2 Cor. 2:11; Eph. 6:11; 1 Peter 5:8). Deception is one of the many strategies used by Satan here in Genesis 3 (John 8:44).

11. Why did the serpent say that God did not want the woman to eat the forbidden fruit? (3:5)

12. What thoughts and actions in verse 6 led to the first sin?

13. What happened when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit? (3:7)

² Tremper Longman, *The Story of God Bible Commentary: Genesis* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2016), 63.

In verse 6 we find out that Adam was with Eve. And yet, throughout the conversation between Eve and the serpent and Adam didn't do anything to stop it. God gave Adam the command to cultivate and protect the garden before Eve was even created (Gen. 2:15). God gave Adam the command to not to eat the forbidden fruit before Eve was created (Gen. 2:17). God gave Adam the responsibility of being the leader and protector of his family. Unfortunately, Adam failed to step up and be the man God created him to be.

14. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking in the garden? Why? (3:8-10)

15. How did Adam respond to God's questions? (3:11-12)

16. How did the woman respond to God in verse 13?

Dennis Prager writes,

Blaming others for wrongs we have done is literally as old as humanity, Adam blamed Eve (and implicitly God); and Eve...blamed the snake. Neither took personal responsibility. As psychiatrist Dr. Abraham Twerski puts it, "Human beings need four things: air, food, drink, and someone to blame."³

17. What did God say to the serpent? (3:14-15)

Jesus is "the seed of the woman." Jesus did not make the same mistake Adam made. Jesus gave His life to defend His bride (the Church) and defeat the serpent. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy at the cross.

18. What did God say to the woman in verse 16?

19. What name did Adam give to the woman in verse 20? Why?

20. How can a husband show honor and appreciation for his wife?

21. How can children show honor and appreciation for their mothers?

22. How will you show honor and appreciation for the women in your life this week?

³ Dennis Prager, *The Rational Bible: Genesis* (Washington, DC: Regnery Faith, 2019), 53.