

Eucharist; The Attackers: The Lone Mandate of Eden, Gen 2:16–17; the Corporate Marriage, v. 18; Lucifer’s Deception of Ishah & Her Desire of Equality with God, Gen 3:1–5; Adam’s Responsibility Is to Serve God; Ishah’s Is to Serve Adam; Adam’s Fall Changed Human History: Procreation Required to Produce a Substitutionary Sacrifice

21. A system of order and authority was established by the Lord. Adam was to serve Him by assuming care of the Garden. He was free to do as he pleased with one caveat:

Genesis 2:16 - The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

v. 17 - but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will not eat from it, because in the day that you eat from it dying [**spiritually**] you will surely die [**physically**].

22. The Lord next set up the foundation for what became the corporate marriage with an innate system of order and authority:

Genesis 2:18 - Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for man to be on his own. I will create for him an assistant corresponding to him.

23. We will spend an appropriate amount of time on this and other passages in the marriage series following the completion of the *Attackers* series. But for the moment a few principles from this passage are pertinent:

- (1) Adam has carte blanche permission to eat from any tree of the garden with one lone exception.
- (2) Adam was commanded to abstain from eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Ishah was not.
- (3) In fact, Ishah was created following the commandment not to eat the forbidden fruit.
- (4) Because of her failure to concentrate in Bible class, Ishah was easily deceived by Lucifer.
- (5) Lucifer opened his attack by asking her, “Has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” (Genesis 3:1b)
- (6) Her reply betrayed her failure to understand the negative mandate: “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” (vv. 2-3)
- (7) To this Lucifer responded, “You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (vv. 4-5)
- (8) Ishah is won over by the concept of egalitarianism: equality with God, and, if equal with God, then she is also equal with her husband.
- (9) Her assignment is not to be equal to Adam but to be an “assistant corresponding to him.”
- (10) Equality implies equal responsibility, purpose, and function. Adam’s were directed toward the Lord while Ishah’s were directed toward Adam.
- (11) Adam could not fulfill Ishah’s duties nor could Ishah fulfill Adam’s duties. But together, they complemented each other in fulfilling what the Lord desired of them both.
- (12) Lucifer’s deception, capitalizing on Ishah’s ignorance and self-promotion, resulted in what is known theologically as the “fall.”

- (13) "Ishah ate the forbidden fruit, but she did so out of ignorance," while Adam did so knowingly.
- (14) Therefore, Adam's sin is the one that changed human history. His responsibility was to the Lord and he should have allowed Him to prosecute Ishah's transgression.
- (15) Making the decision to follow his wife's suggestion rather than remaining loyal to the Lord resulted in the failure of both.
- (16) Adam's poor decision ended the perfection of Eden, introduced death into the human race, and engaged the human race into the conflict of the Invisible War.