

# WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Pattern One

## ***Key Lessons in the Life of Eve***

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*Scriptures: 1 Cor. 10:11; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 Tim. 2:14;*

*1 Cor. 11:3; 2 Cor. 11:3; Gen. 3:1-7, 15-24*

- I. **Lessons to be learned from biblical patterns**
  - A. The Bible is a book of God's move through His people. If we want to advance in life and truth and be perfected, we should appreciate, receive, and learn from the revelations and experiences of those who have gone before us.
  - B. The Bible is full of patterns or stories of the lives of many people. These are not just interesting narratives; by looking at their lives we can learn many spiritual lessons.
  - C. The lives of the people of God throughout the ages nourish us and render a kind of fostering.
  - D. It is valuable to pass on what we have seen and experienced from these patterns to those after us.
- II. **Lessons to be learned from Eve's origin**
  - A. Eve was not created from the dust as Adam was but was built from Adam's rib.
  - B. Since Eve came out of Adam, she had no existence apart from him. In the same way, the church has no source apart from Christ. The church must take Christ as her life, nature, and everything.
  - C. Eve was brought back to Adam to be his counterpart. This reveals that the church, which came out of Christ, is being prepared to be presented back to Him as His bride.

### **III. Lessons to be learned from Eve as a weaker vessel**

- A. The Bible says that the female is the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7). Eve, as the weaker vessel, signifies that the church must always remain under the covering of Christ. When the church acts independently from Christ, just as Eve acted independently from Adam, it becomes vulnerable to deception.
- B. The Lord turned the tables on Satan, however, by using the seed of the woman to defeat him at the cross and recover man for His purpose.

### **IV. Lessons to be learned from Eve being quite deceived**

- A. Eve was deceived to doubt God's word.  
The way Satan tempts is to ask questions causing man to doubt God's word.
- B. She was deceived to doubt God's heart.  
The serpent's slanderous speaking against God caused Eve to misunderstand God's love and to doubt God's heart. This word poisoned Eve's emotion, causing her to dislike God. Still today people misunderstand God's heart (Gen. 3:4-5 and fn 1).
- C. She was deceived to assume the headship.  
The reason Eve was tempted by the serpent was that she assumed the headship. Whenever we assume the headship in dealing with situations, denying the headship according to His divine order, we will surely be deceived and fall into Satan's snare.
- D. She was deceived to set aside her spirit, exercise her soul and used her body to offend God.  
In our daily living we should use our spirit first, and then let our spirit direct our soul and body.
- E. Eve's deception along with Adam's disobedience resulted in the fall of man.

The soul was corrupted and occupied, the body was changed in nature with the element of Satan added to it, making it the flesh, and the spirit was deadened, losing its ability to contact God and fellowship with God. Fallen man was constituted a sinner, was condemned and under a curse, and was cast out of the realm of life.

**V. Lessons to be learned from Eve's violation of God's order in the universe**

- A. God has established a divine order: Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ (1 Cor. 11:3).
- B. Satan attempts to overthrow God's government and undermines divine authority.
- C. Eve was deceived because she did not remain under Adam's headship. When we do not remain under God's appointed order, we open ourselves to deception and failure.

**VI. Lessons to be learned from Eve's receiving the gospel of God**

- A. She believed what God said concerning the seed of the woman—the one who would bruise Satan on the head.
  - 1. After Adam and Eve sinned, they hid themselves from the presence of God. But God came to seek them and promised that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15).
  - 2. Adam heard this and called his wife Eve meaning "living," showing he believed and received God's gospel (Gen. 3:20 and fn 1).
  - 3. When Eve conceived and bore Cain, she said that she acquired a man, Jehovah. She thought Cain was the promised seed of the woman, which indicates she believed God's promise in Gen. 3:15.

4. The seed of the woman is the incarnated Christ, who was born of a woman to be the Savior of the fallen ones.
  5. Christ bruised the head of the ancient serpent through His death on the cross and destroyed the devil.
- B. Being clothed by God with skins.
1. After they sinned, the fallen ones became conscious of their sin and shame.
  2. They sewed the fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves.
  3. But God clothed them with coats made of skin, a type of Christ as the sacrifice for sinners, the substituting Lamb of God to be our righteousness (Gen. 3:21 and fn 1).

## **VII. Lessons to be learned from Eve as a counterpart**

- A. Since none could match Adam as His counterpart, God caused Adam to sleep and opened his side to produce Eve.
- B. Adam declared that Eve was “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.” Eve’s coming out of Adam in this way typifies that the church comes out of Christ.
- C. Eve had the same character, life, and nature as Adam. In like manner, the church has the same character, life, and nature as Christ.
- D. After Eve was built, God brought her to Adam to be joined with him as one flesh. In like manner, the church is joined to Christ in one spirit and becomes one with Christ to match Him completely.
- E. In the Bible, God likens His chosen people to a spouse for His satisfaction in love.

References: *Life-study of Genesis; Truth Lessons, Level One, vol. 1; Truth Lessons, Level Three, vol. 1*