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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Eve

The Bible gives us a lot of information about Eve. She was made by God to complete humankind and is the example of two becoming one in marriage. She chooses to disobey God, but learns from that lesson. She experiences the pain and joy of raising children and the great sorrow losing both of her sons. The Bible never mentions any other sins or punishments related to Eve, so we can assume that she learned from her sin and moves forward with a strong relationship with God. She later has another son, whom she names Seth, because, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him."

Read Genesis 2:20-4

1. Genesis 2:20-25. Why did God create Eve? _____

Note verse 2:24; this is the first mention of the marriage covenant. The marriage covenant is used in the Bible to symbolize the covenant between God and all humankind.

2. Read Genesis 3:1-3. What was the rule? _____
What was the consequence? _____

3. Read Genesis 3:4 How does the serpent re-interpret God's command to Adam and Eve? _____

Eve crossed three lines (all weak spots for us women):

- **Physically** - Eve's appetite for food
- **Emotionally** - Her appreciation of beauty
- **Spiritually** - Her desire to be like God

As you look around at women in society today, which is the biggest female weak spot? Why?

4. Eve falls for the desire to be in control or like God? Do you ever struggle with control issues?
What steps do you take to help yourself? _____

Proverbs 3 is a great chapter. Read the chapter and write out verse 5 & 6.

5. Have you ever been aware of a rule and consequence, but couldn't stop yourself from the lure of temptation? _____

6. What do these verses tell us about God's word?

Luke 11:28 _____

Proverbs 30:5-6 _____

7. What do we learn about Evil in Eve's remarks in Genesis 3:13? _____

Write out John 1:9 _____

If you have time, read Psalm 51 and note your favorite verses. _____

8. What do we know is the best way to deal with our sin? _____

9. At the end of Genesis chapter 4, Eve acknowledges that God has blessed her.

How do you know that God forgives us and loves us? _____

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster,
to give you a future and a hope." -- Jeremiah 29:11 NLT*

GOING FURTHER

Why does Evil Exist in God's World?

A. Three truths to consider:

1. Read Psalm 116:5. David states that God is _____.

- Read Psalm 100:5. What does this verse say about the character of God?

- Look up back at Genesis 3:31. What does it say about what is good about God?

2. In terms of who God is, what do we learn from Jeremiah 32:18? _____

3. What does John state in John 3:19 & I John 2:15 about the status of the world? _____

B. How can all of these be true?

- Simply, there is not love without choice. God could have made a person who would never have chosen to sin, but then that person would have been denied the opportunity to choose to love (God's Permissive Will).

C. God's Will: Because God allows Evil.

- God is all-powerful. This means the evil could not exist in this world except for the fact that He allowed it (God's Permissive Will).
- God made a world in which evil could exist (but He did not cause it - Genesis 3)
- What does David tell us about evil in Psalm 81:12? _____

- Look up Leviticus 5:17. What does this passage tell us about the consequences of our sinful actions? _____

D. What do we learn about Jesus' mission in the world concerning sin in I John 2:2?
