



Five Steps of Adam's Fall

We can learn so much from Adam's choices, when he decided to go against his creator's wishes, and why.

God's warning to Adam—thou shalt surely die

(Gen 2:16-17 KJV) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: {17} But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Notice the exact wording used in God's Word. If Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, what would happen? "... Thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."



Yes, there was a tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Since some time after the beginning, good and evil have existed, two co-existing entities. God did not want the man he had created in his own image to have the knowledge of good and evil. Today, man is plagued with the knowledge of good and evil and it causes no end of troubles. Constant are the debates discussing whether one can exist without the other. God's plan was to keep this knowledge secret; we'll see that satan's plan was to make this knowledge known, a terrible sin.

A reality not known by many is that God created spirit

within man upon a condition. This is a tremendous truth. The warning stated that, in the day, not some later day, that he ate thereof, he would surely die. Man had free reign to do everything; he was God's under-ruler on earth. God was the only one above man. But God gave man that one condition.

For God to talk to man, man needed spirit. According to John 4:24, God is spirit.

(John 4:24 KJV) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The spirit that God gave to Adam was given on a conditional basis, that being, he was required to obey a single commandment.

Freedom of choice

This means that Adam was given freedom of choice, the same kind of freedom that

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you have. You can do anything, anytime, anywhere. You can ignore rules or you can obey rules. God is a free-will god and loves you so much that he has given you a great freedom—a freedom to choose your life's course.

Without spirit, man is a body and soul man, a natural man. He is spiritually dead. Adam had freedom of choice which was one of the greatest things that God has even given man. Adam could learn two ways; the five senses or the spirit. This means that Adam could learn things using his five senses, or he could ask God to teach him. If God had given Adam spirit by creating 'seed' in him, he could not have issued that one warning, "thou shalt surely die." Adam could talk to God at any time.

Man was given dominion over everything

(Gen 1:26 KJV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creep-

ing thing that creepeth upon the earth.

A fantastic aspect of Adam's freewill was the dominion God allowed Adam.

Man named all the animals

(Gen 2:19 KJV) And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Every animal was brought to Adam and he named them. Adam was highly intelligent. You can trace these names back through the Old Testament. Adam had a connection with God. He'd ask God what to name them, and God would tell him. Whatever Adam called it, that became its name.

Fellowship

As long as Adam obeyed God, he had fellowship with God. Adam could walk by

his five senses, but the moment that his senses ruled over the spirit, calamity resulted. All God asked him to do was to obey His Word. He was supposed to walk according to what God said.

Five steps to the fall of man

(Gen 3:1-5 KJV) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? {2} And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: {3} But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. {4} And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: {5} For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

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The Five Steps of Adam's Fall are: He questions, He considers, He omits, He adds, and He changes.

In verse one, 'subtle' means, 'sly.' The serpent talked to Eve, knowing Adam might certainly follow—he did. Did that serpent know God's commandment and warning? You bet he did. But, he still came to Eve with his lie. I want to show you the downfall of man.

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Questions the integrity of the Word

The first thing that satan will tempt you to do is question

the integrity and accuracy of God's Word. He lodged a doubt in Eve's mind; he tries the same thing today. Satan can present himself as an angel of light for he once was this.

(2 Cor 11:14 KJV) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

He doesn't come in all of his viciousness at first.

Considers the words

She considered what he said. You cannot stop satanic influences from coming your way, but you can quit thinking about them if they do.

Omits a Word

She omitted a word. We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. Well, God didn't say this at all. If you remove a word, do you have the Word of God any longer? Not at all.

Adds words

Neither shall ye touch it. She adds a word. Once again, she refused God's Word. That is called 'private interpretation.' The moment that you add a word or omit a word, you no longer have the

Word. Was she sincere? Yes, but she was dead wrong.

Changes the Word

Lest ye die. She changed the Word. There were no ifs, ands, or buts about it. God said, if you eat of it, you're dead! She no longer had the Word of God left.

The Five Steps Down:

1. Satan questioned the integrity of the Word.
2. Response - by considering.
3. Omits a word.
4. Adds a word.
5. Changes a word.

This, my friends, is the road down. It is the same today. Whenever satan wants to take a man of God down, he gets him to question the integrity of the Word. This is exactly what people with the power of satan in them, do today. We're presented with their 'findings' and we considering them. Before you know it, we believe that man came from nothing. We add words, we change words, and we don't have God's Word left. Hardly anybody reads what is written. Why?

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Because they do not believe that the bible is God's Word.

(Gen 3:4 KJV) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

God said - ye shall surely die.

Satan - ye shall not surely die.

Satan's true colors

(John 8:44 KJV) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

He's the father of lies; he contradicts God's Word—this is his true nature—back then and today. As an example, a man lies before you dead. You can see that he is dead. Then, some sweet little thing comes along and tells you that he isn't dead because she heard from him in a séance. Satan is still saying that we don't die. Satan doesn't argue about the Word

anymore for there isn't any more Word left in the church. Satan goes to where the Word is being taught and tries to chop it to pieces. He does everything that he can do to get rid of the Word. He hates the Word more than anything. I'd like to say to you that he has almost totally succeeded. People just talk about the Word, but they don't believe it. They can't put it together. There isn't any Bible college that you could go to to hear the truth of God's Word. They can't put it together.

Somebody's a liar, but who?

(Gen 3:5 KJV) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Today, we find man trying to play God just like Adam did in the garden. Satan said, you're going to be just like God. God said, you'll die. We must believe the Word as delivered by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Much love in Christ.

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