

## Going Deeper into the Fall

Let's revisit the Fall of Man and begin by taking a new and deeper look at what the Book of Genesis tells us about the process of the Fall. We must keep in mind, though, that Father did NOT discover the Fall by studying the Bible, alone. Father's long course of discovery included traveling the spirit world and researching there -- talking to Adam and Eve, and confronting and tricking Lucifer into revealing what he did, and so on. His profound understanding cannot compare with the simple and brief Biblical narrative.

We must also be mindful that the Book of Genesis is not a precise historical account. There are two different "creation" stories in the first chapter; one where God made both Adam and Eve on the "sixth day", and another where God formed Adam "from the dust of the ground", and later took one of his ribs and formed Eve from it. Also, the timing of the sequence of events in the story looks more like patchwork, but the characters and basic gist of the story are still there.

We understand that the two special "trees" spoken of in Genesis were symbols for Adam and Eve. Adam is called the "tree of life", referring to his destiny to become the progenitor of goodness and God's love, life and lineage -- whereas Eve is called the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil", alluding to her potential to bear either good fruit or evil fruit, ... *or so we have often explained it.*

We find some confusion here which begs to be sorted out. Sometimes we have said the "fruit" referred to either good or bad children born to the woman, as stated above, while at other times we have said it refers to Eve's sexual part which contained the seeds for reproduction. If God told them not to "eat of the fruit" then it would clearly not refer to her offspring, but rather to her sexual organ.

Far more importantly, however, Father said on several occasions that if Adam had not fallen, God could have made another Eve or as many Eves as necessary<sup>1</sup>. And Dae Mo Nim explained that God actually gave the commandment *after* He saw that Lucifer was starting down the wrong path with Eve; i.e., God said: "...of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die" **after** Lucifer started to go down the wrong path with Eve.

Add to this a careful study of Lucifer's temptation to Eve, where we find that he said to her: "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Notice carefully here what Lucifer is saying. He told Eve that she WILL have the knowledge of good and evil when she eats. So, keeping in mind that God gave the commandment after Lucifer started down the wrong path with Eve, we can see that Eve would BECOME, or rather became, the "Tree of the knowledge of good and evil" when her purity became compromised with Lucifer. Would she have gained the knowledge of good and evil if she didn't eat with Lucifer? Evil would not have come to exist. I don't recall Father having spoken to these points in this detail, but this may be different from the way we often tried to explain it.

Father said that God gave the commandment to both Adam and Eve, while the Book of Genesis says God gave the commandment to Adam (referring to Eve). Certainly what Father said is correct. Regardless, God wasn't worried about Adam and Lucifer falling with each other because both of them were male. But more significantly, the Bible record doesn't say that God said to Adam: "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and

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<sup>1</sup> "The mother is not primarily essential for restoration, for any number of them can be established. If Adam had not fallen, Eve could have been re-created many times over.

(1999.9.9) Cheon Seong Gyeong 1<sup>st</sup> ed. p.1595

"I know that if Adam had been intact from Satanic temptation, restoration would have been possible centered on him. Eve can be recreated or restored by the person of Adam if he is intact -- that is the Principle."  
Master Speaks 3-20-1973 2<sup>nd</sup> 100-Day Training  
"Even though the Fall had taken place, if it had occurred through Eve alone, the problem would have been simple. In such a case, God as the Creator could have re-created her."

(1969.5.11) Cheon Seong Gyeong 1<sup>st</sup> ed. p.514

"If Adam had kept the promise, Eve could have been created again. Can you follow me? Actually, because both Adam and Eve broke the promise, God couldn't recreate them, so He started the providence of restoration through indemnity. At that time, if Adam had remained unfallen, God could have created a new Eve."  
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evil until you're mature and perfected in love and I give you the blessing in marriage" as we so often explained it. In light of what Father said, it would appear that God was actually telling Adam, "Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

**PERIOD.** There was no time limit or condition on it. He finished by saying: "for in the day that you eat of it, you will die." It appears to have meant, "*Since Eve is now a tree of the knowledge of good and evil (through being defiled by Lucifer), DON'T EVER EAT of that tree. NEVER.*" As Father's said, God could have made another new Eve for Adam, or as many new Eves as needed, and the unfallen Adam would be blessed in marriage to a new unfallen Eve. Humanity would have thus sprung from a pure seed and root, as it must. Father said that if Adam had not fallen with Eve, it would have been relatively easy for God to fix the situation. Of course! The perfected Adam and his new Perfected Eve could stand in the position of True Parents to the fallen Eve and archangel and restore them.<sup>2</sup> Providence over. Wow.

Perhaps this also enables us to give God's first pre-fallen daughter back her original pure value and status as maybe a "Tree of Goodness" or a "Tree of Beauty", or simply another "Tree of Life", or whatever. If you notice in the *Exposition of the Divine Principle*, on page 165, it states: "If Adam and Eve did not fall, all of their descendants would have become trees of life." Would this not include both men *and women*?

However, there's even more. We learned that Lucifer began having an exaggerated realization of "self", or ego, and this led to a feeling of jealousy toward Adam and a wrong perception of less love from God. Lucifer saw Eve as a beautiful expression of God's femininity and love and wanted to have her for his own. **BUT**, When Eve fell with Lucifer, we always focused on the fact that she felt guilt, fear and shame and repentfully went to Adam with the hope of rectifying her mistake and getting back into God's graces. Without a doubt, this was Eve's own motivation in going to Adam after she fell with Lucifer.

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<sup>2</sup> Father said that God could not "eliminate" the fallen Adam and Eve and create new ones. (Cheon Seong Gyeong 1<sup>st</sup> ed. p.1155) But his meaning was explicitly that God could not annihilate the fallen Adam and Eve and replace them. Jesus was a new Adam. Father is a new Adam. Mother is a new Eve. It is required by the Providence of Restoration to create a new Adam and Eve. The question is not if, but when. If it could be done in Adam's own family, how great. In reality, it took millions of years.

However, according to the *Principle*, and supported by the prophet Isaiah in an oracle in chapter 14:13-14, we also see that Lucifer wanted to “ascend to heaven; above the stars (children) of God. I will set my throne on high;... I will make myself like the Most High (God).”

Therefore, if we consider this situation from Lucifer’s point of view, he wasn’t just looking for Eve’s love. For Lucifer to complete his rebellion and take God’s place over man and creation, it would be necessary for Adam to fall, also; i.e., for Eve to seduce Adam into falling. If not, he knew that God could just make another Eve for Adam, or as many Eves as necessary -- as Father said -- and God’s plan would have gone forward just as intended, except Lucifer would have gotten himself a girlfriend for a while. But NO! Lucifer wasn’t interested in just a girlfriend. He needed to get Adam to fall. Father didn’t say so, but this was so important to Lucifer that we might speculate that Lucifer may have even *encouraged* Eve to go to Adam and seduce him; he might have gone so far as to even coach her. One way or another, directly or indirectly, **Lucifer used Eve to seduce Adam** and complete his takeover. And Dae Mo Nim also said that Eve and Lucifer continued to have sexual relations with each other for SOME TIME, even after Eve went to Adam and began her relationship with him.

We’ve heard it said that “prostitution is the oldest profession in the world.” Perhaps using Eve this way makes Lucifer the first pimp. Perhaps this is also why sexuality in Lucifer’s world has been stained with so much deceit, seduction and shallowness, with men and women using each other to their own selfish ends.

And one more thing... If we look at the Garden of Eden story a certain way, Eve looked at the good angel Lucifer as an emissary sent by God, a messenger and teacher representing Heavenly Father. She trusted him completely. But, Father said that Eve should have questioned Lucifer when he twisted what God had said about eating the “fruit”. She should have questioned his words and reported to God so that He could have intervened in some Principled way to deal with Lucifer. While the angel was sent to be a

servant to Adam and Eve, Eve's immaturity and lack of life experience compared to the angel caused her to elevate her trust in the angel beyond what was appropriate.

Father's comment that Eve should have had critical thinking and reported to God, and the way Father lived his own life in this regard, say a lot. They indicate that God's Word is fundamental and ultimately more important than our trust in someone. Father even challenged God Himself, insisting that God was wrong in denying the 3 points he was putting before the founders of religions in the spirit world during his years of personal training and preparation for his mission.<sup>3</sup> Father also said that if God should ever become unprincipled, that he would restore Him. So, it seems there must be a proper balance between the value we place on God's Word and our sense of trust in others.

The effect of this problem throughout history and today has been to put well-meaning, faithful people in a very dangerous position, not unlike the position Eve was in, easily susceptible to Satan's lies, tricks and manipulations. Father warned us many times, saying: "Do not follow \_\_\_\_ (anyone but me). Follow only the Principle and my (Father's) words."

- Food for thought.

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<sup>3</sup> Cheon Seong Gyeong, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., p. 944-945