

Adam & Eves Rebellion
Genesis 3:1 -13

“The most important fact about sin is seen in the fall of the man, and the basis for understanding this is to note that it is nowhere even suggested that Adam fell through the deception of Satan. The woman did fall as a result of Satan’s arguments. In fact, she fell with good will; for she had come to believe that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would make one wise—that was what the name signified after all—and she wanted both herself and her husband to enjoy that imagined blessing. That is why she gave the fruit to Adam. She wanted to help him if she could. Eve erred and sinned in her error. But her error, serious as it was, was not duplicated in the case of Adam, nor was it as reprehensible. Adam sinned out of pure rebellion against God...

Adam, in full knowledge of what he was doing, looked at that one tree and said in effect, ‘I do not care if I am allowed to eat of all the trees north of here, east of here, south of here, and west of here. So long as that one tree stands in the garden as a symbol of creaturehood, so long as it is there to remind me that I am not God, that I am not perfectly autonomous—so long as it is there, I hate it! So I will eat of it and die. This is why the Bible never places the blame for the fall of the race on the woman.’ Boice

- I. Deception comes in many forms, but the underlying motive behind it is to misrepresent or pervert actual truth in a way that convinces someone that the falsehood being said is truth. The first lie recorded in Scripture came not from man, but from God’s adversary Satan. He, the father of lies, has been lying ever since. When we believed the gospel, we choose truth over the deception of the world and its ways. We choose to believe God over Satan, which speaks of the power of the gospel to open one’s eyes to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It does not mean that we are no longer susceptible to being deceived, we are. But the way to keep ourselves from being deceived by Satan is to keep on believing the truth of God’s Word. It’s a heavy responsibility that should not be taken lightly.

Ezek. 28:12-15

Isa. 14:12-15

1 Peter 5:8

Jn. 8:44 *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Rev. 12:9 *The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the cdevil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

- II. Satan's strategy was to get Eve to doubt the truth of God's word. If he could get her to believe that God didn't mean what He said, then he could persuade her to disobey the Lord God, which is what she did. Adam, her husband, could have corrected Satan and prevented Eve from eating the forbidden fruit, but instead, he revealed the intent of his heart to become like God, by willfully taking it from Eve's hand to eat it. It speaks of the power of Satan's deception and its influence. Little did they realize that coming to know good and evil would seal the fate of mankind to have the same sinful nature and the same knowledge, that ruined their (our) relationship with God.

Rev. 3:1-7
1 Timothy 1:14
Rom. 5:12
Rom. 5:17-19
Rom. 5:21

1 Timothy 2:13-14 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

In Romans 5, Adam's rebellion against God is called **sin** (*harmartia*, to miss the mark of righteousness), **an offence** (*parabasis*, to disregard, violate God's truth), **a transgression, trespass** (*paraptoma*, a deviation, lapse from truth and uprightness), **disobedience** (*parakoe*).

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—*

- III. There are always negative consequences to rebelling against God, which is what sin is. How Adam and Eve responded speaks of the painful consequences of the knowledge of good and evil they gained by disobeying God. The first and immediate response was fear, shame, and concealment. The second response was denial and blame shifting. And the third response was realizing that there was nothing they could do to go back to the way things were, nothing. Their relationship with one another changed and their relationship with God changed. It was quite the price to pay, all because they believed a lie.

Gen. 3:8-13
Rom. 3:11