

Genesis 3:9-19 **God Responds to Original Sin**

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the LORD God said to the **serpent**:

"Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her SEED; HE shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise HIS heel."

16 To the **woman** He said:

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to **Adam** He said,

"Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." NKJV

Things to notice that are revealed about God's response to the first sin:

- ✧ Accountability is inevitable, God knew where Adam and Eve were and from the very first it is the man that is called to first give account for himself, so it was to Adam that God called out and asked, **"Where are you?"**
- ✧ God requires us to respond to Him. We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account to God for everything we have done in the body whether good or evil. [\[see Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10\]](#)
- ✧ Adam's response demonstrated his shameful guilty conscience as he answered with an explanation for his hiding from the presence of God, but God found him anyway.
- ✧ It also demonstrated that their fig leaf covering could not hide the shame of the nakedness their guilty conscience had caused them feel as they stood exposed before the GOD OF CREATION which introduced fear in their hearts which they had never before experienced.
- ✧ When Adam said he hid because he was naked, God asked, **"Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"** God used their guilty conscience as evidence that they had sinned by eating the forbidden fruit. It is the conscience that will bear witness to our deeds and thoughts in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to the Gospel. [\[see Romans 2:14-16\]](#)
- ✧ As is normal when we are faced with our misdeeds and called to give account for our actions that we usually seek someone else we may hold responsible instead of being honest and taking responsibility for our own behavior.

Adam demonstrated that same human trait when he said: **"The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate."** Thus Adam was attempting to place the

fault on the woman or at least on God for giving her to him, anything but take responsibility for it himself, hoping to escape the consequences.

This is similar to the tendency of society today to pass the responsibility of morality on to the woman when God and the Scriptures consistently hold the man responsible. They tend to say that the men are just “sowing their wild oats,” thus attempting to justify men in their immoral behavior because in their faulty thinking, he is unable to control his passion.

- ✧ God then turned to the woman and asked, **“What is this that you have done?”** Thus indicating that He held her responsible for her part in the action. The Woman in like manner chose to attempt to pass the responsibility to another, so she said, **“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”**

Here the woman even claimed she had been deceived, whereas the man did not claim to having been deceived, but just attempted to pass the responsibility on to someone else.

- ✧ Note, **Creator God did not ask the serpent** but went directly to pass sentence against him.

Satan knows he is responsible for what he does and that God will hold him accountable. Satan knows where he is going and wants to take all with him that he can. So the serpent lost his legs and wings and ended up on his belly eating dust.

Satan will again appear as the dragon at the time of the end. [\[Revelation 12:3-4 & 9\]](#)

- ✧ God spoke in prophecy and put enmity between Satan and his offspring, and the woman and her offspring with the promise that they each had a place in the future plan of God.
- ✧ Satan was allowed into the Garden of Eden for the same reason he must be released for a time at the conclusion of the Kingdom Age. [\[Revelation 20:1-3\]](#)

That reason is to call people to a choice giving them an opportunity to choose to follow God faithfully, or to rebel against God’s strict laws.

Obedience to God’s Laws results in universal peace between God and man, between man and man, and between animals and man concluding with a permanent home with God for eternity.

Rebellion against God’s Laws will ensure an eternal home with Satan in the Lake of Fire.

- ✧ God then turned to the **woman** and said:
 - ✧ **“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;**
 - ✧ **In pain you shall bring forth children;**
 - ✧ **Your desire shall be for your husband,**
 - ✧ **And he shall rule over you.”** [\[Genesis 3:16\]](#)

This statement of the woman’s future experience is both a blessing and a punishment.

- ✧ Both sorrow and conception are promised to multiply.

Conceptions because she is the mother of all living and had many children.

Sorrow because she would experience great sorrow because of the wicked deeds these children would do as well as the problems of pain and living in a falling world.

- ✧ Pain in child bearing speaks for itself.
- ✧ God here put the desire to be pleasing to her husband in her heart and that desire placed her in a position of submissiveness as she seeks his favor.
- ✧ He shall rule over you, again emphasizes the submissive role for the woman as God placed her under the authority of the husband.
- ✧ This also places the responsibility on the man to be the one accountable for the actions of the wife because he is given dominion over her and the man becomes a buffer between the wife and GOD HIMSELF even for her vows to God. [see Numbers 30:3-15]
- ✧ This natural tendency to be submissive to her husband is a BLESSING to the woman because she then has a desire to be pleasing to God and to submit to His Laws which will result in her being accepted in the heavenly kingdom.

Isaiah says there will be **“seven women to one man of those who are accepted in the Kingdom.”** [Isaiah 4:1] As you observe in most Church meetings there are far more women than men.

- ✧ Whereas the man, who was given dominion over all of God’s earthly creation including his wife, finds submission a difficult thing.

Since he has dominion over all he also wants to have dominion over God which will result in his rebellion and guarantee his place in the Lake of Fire.

- ✧ Then God comes to the one held *“finally responsible”* saying to the **man**:
 - ✧ **“Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’**
 - ✧ **Cursed is the ground for your sake, in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.**
 - ✧ **Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you.**
 - ✧ **You shall eat the herb of the field, in the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken.**
 - ✧ **For dust you are and to dust you shall return.”**
- ✧ Here it is confirmed by God Himself that man was indeed made from the dust of the ground and because of his defilement by sin would return to the same.
- ✧ It also tells us that man was originally created to live forever in his innocent state since the “Tree of Life” was made available to him from the start if he made the right choice.
- ✧ But we will see that the plan was contingent on his obedience to God’s commandment, and he lost this right when he disobeyed.