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1. She Trusted The Word Of Someone Contradicting God

- She was deceived by the temptation of the cunning serpent
- Was she out of options?
- **NO!**
- **James 4:7** "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."
- Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 493:
 - Their sin struck at the basis for knowledge... "What is true?" (Gen 2:17; 3:4)
 - Their sin struck at the basis for moral standards... "What is right?" (2:17; 3:5)
 - Their sin gave a different answer to... "Who am I?" (Rom 3:5)

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- Question: where was Adam?
- Many think that Adam wasn't there when Eve took the fruit.
- Adam was standing there the whole time
- The text says it plainly
- The 4 verbs come in rapid succession: she took, she ate, she gave, he ate

1. In Relation To God, He Directly Rebelled Against God's Command

1 Timothy 2:14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

- Adam knew God's **one prohibition** and he directly defied God

2. In Relation To His Wife, He Conformed To Her Sin Without Question Or Fight

- Adam didn't need cunning words or manipulation by the devil to fall into sin, he just followed along by **willfully neglecting God's command** and **conforming to peer pressure**

3. In Relation To Mankind, His One Act Affected All Of Mankind With Sin

- The doctrine of **Original Sin** is not about Adam's first sin, but how sin originated in each human through the act of Adam. So the Original sin is not about first in sequence, but how Adam's sin affected each of us.

Q1. What Happened When Adam Sinned?

• The Chronicle Of Adam's Fall

- God's Expectation For Man: Fellowship Through Holiness (Genesis 1:26-27)
- God's Edict For Man: Follow One Law (Genesis 2:16-17)
- Man's Encroachment Upon The Law (Genesis 3:6)

a. Sin's Entrance Upon Mankind (Romans 5:12a; 18-19)

Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned."

Romans 5:18-19 "Therefore, as through one man's offense [judgment] came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act [the free gift came] to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one

man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."

- **Note:** Is this fair for us to be placed with Adam and his sin if we weren't even born yet?
 - Yes, because God "will render to every man according to his works" (Rom 2:6) and we will be "paid back for the wrong [we] have done" (Col 3:25)
 - Yes, because if we were in Adam's place, we would have most likely sinned as well.
 - Yes, because as much as Adam represents all of man and imputed his sin upon us, it is equally fair or unfair that Christ represents all believers and imputed his righteousness upon us (Rom 5:12-21)

- "Since we have fallen in a representative, it is much easier to see why we may be restored through a representative. In the wise and infinite mercy of God there has come a Second Man, a Last Adam. On the principle of representation, he may stand for us. Since he has stood his probation for us victoriously, we may rise in the same manner in which we fell. We fell through no personal fault of our own; we rise through no personal merit of our own. When a father strikes oil, the children get rich. And we have hit a gusher in the Last Adam! I must say that I like representation." (S. Lewis Johnson Jr., *Romans 5:12 – An Exercise In Exegesis and Theology*)

b. How Did We Sin With Adam If We Weren't There?

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Psalm 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me."

b. By Our Nature We Are Children Of Wrath

Ephesians 2:3 "Among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

Romans 7:18 "I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh"

Titus 1:15 "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled."

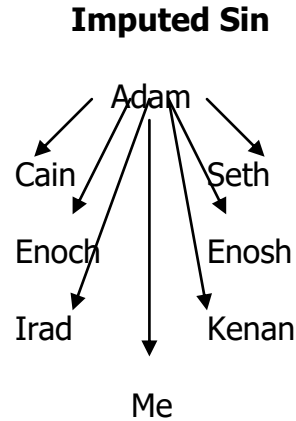
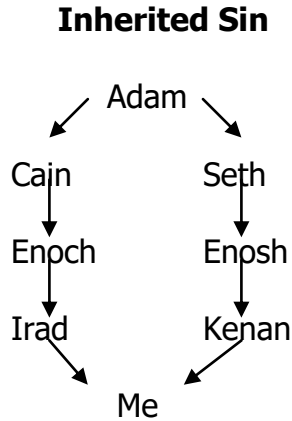


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- Principle: When Adam sinned, we all sinned.
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- a) Representative (or Federal) View** - Adam represented the human race so that when he sinned, the whole human race sinned.
- Only Adam sinned.
 - Adam was the Covenantal (Latin *foedus* = federal) representative before God for the whole human race (Hosea 6:7)
 - God chose Adam to represent us

Q: Did God make a mistake by choosing Adam?

- no – he was the most perfect choice, being sinless, at the perfect time – sinless environment
- because Adam sinned, we all sinned

- because Adam died, we all experience this death sentence

b) *Seminal (or Realistic or Augustinian or Natural Headship) View* - Adam contains the seed of the human race, so when he sinned, we all sinned.

- The whole race sinned with Adam.
- ie/ Negro spiritual – “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”
- ie/ Horatio Bonar – “At The Cross”
*"Twas I that shed that sacred blood; I nailed him to the tree;
 I crucified the Christ of God; I joined the mockery"*
- Adam’s sin was imputed to us because it was ours as well.
- Family Solidarity (cf. Josh 7:16-26; Heb 7:9-10)
- Josh 7:16-26 - Achan sinned but his whole family paid for it
- Heb 7:9-10 - Levi (born 200 yrs after Abr) paid tithes in and through his great grandfather Abraham

- **Which Theory?**

- Swindoll: “Adam polluted the river of human life so that anyone who drank from it became polluted with the same disease – sin-which had the same result – physical and spiritual disease.”

3) Involvement – We all have committed acts of sin and rebellion (Rom 3:23)

a) Three Ways We’re Sinners (cf. Rom 5:13-14)

Romans 5:13-14 “[For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law]. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam”

- Man Is A Sinner By Nature Before The Mosaic Law (13a)
- Man Is A Sinner By Definition Because Of The Mosaic Law (13b)
- Man Is A Sinner By Violation Because Of The Law In Our Conscience (Rom 2:14-15)

b) Two Types Of Personal Sins

- **Omission**

Leviticus 4:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a person sins unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them.'"

- **Commission**

Numbers 15:3-31 "But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him."

- Ten Manifestations Of Personal Sin (Rom 3:9-18, cf. Gal 5:19-21)
 - 1) Morally Depraved (10)
 - 2) Mentally Deficient (11a)
 - 3) Spiritually Distracted (11b)
 - 4) Directionally Deterred (12a)
 - 5) Individually Depreciated (12b)
 - 6) Functionally Demented (12c)
 - 7) Verbally Deceptive (13-14)
 - 8) Naturally Destructive (15-16)
 - 9) Internally Distraught (17)
 - 10) Theologically Defiant (19)

4. **In Relation To Christ, His Taste Of Sin Would Require Christ To Taste Death**

- Adam's taste of the forbidden fruit would lead to the costly taste of death of Christ
- Redemption → Reconciliation → Righteousness → Reconstruction

Romans 8:29 "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined [to be] conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

2 Corinthians 5:18 "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

1 Corinthians 15:29 "And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man."

1 John 3:2 "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

- "Man is a good thing spoiled." St. Augustine Of Hippo

- “Made in God’s image, man was made to be great; he was made to be beautiful; he was made to be creative in life and art. But his rebellion has led him into making himself into nothing but a machine.” Francis Schaeffer
- “In my youth, I thought of writing a satire on mankind; but now in my age I think I should write an apology for them.” Robert Walpole

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- Their eyes were opened
- They did know more evil
- But the devil’s promise of knowing more good did not come about
- They didn’t receive divine enlightenment and comprehension
- They started to see evil in everything good in the garden
- Security from innocence was now lost
- Security was now replaced with distrust, greed and shame
- John J. Davis: “The tempter promised that eating the fruit would open Adam’s and Eve’s eyes, but he did not say what they would see. They saw themselves as sinners devoid of their original beauty. They saw good and evil only from the standpoint of sinners, from the rock-bottom level of corruption. They became like God in that their natures were fixed, but God was confirmed in holiness while they were confirmed in sinfulness.” (*Paradise To Prison*, p. 91)
- Allen P. Ross: “The message to Israel, and to all God’s people, should now be clear: **A thorough knowledge of the Word of God and an unwavering trust in the goodness of God are absolutely essential for spiritual victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil.** The appeal by the Tempter to humankind’s desire to know, under the guise of spiritual development, is thereby set aside. In practical terms, this lesson would mean for Israel that the subtle claims of the pagans to achieve divinity and superior knowledge through their corrupt practices were false. The people of God were to avoid the satanic appeal to an elevated life and superior knowledge if that appeal also required transgressing God’s barriers.” (*Creation and Blessing*, p. 137)
- Ross: “God’s people must therefore have a wholehearted **trust in the goodness of God**, a **precise knowledge of the Word of God**, and an **obedient fear of God** himself.” (p. 138)

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7b And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

- Instead of nakedness being pure, holy and a beauty created by God, they now saw their nakedness as shameful needing to be covered up
- Fig leaves represent the cover up of man in guilt and shame

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- Loss Of Moral Character
- Loss Of Relationship With God
- Loss Of Life (Death)
- **Two Types Of Death:**
 - Physical – separation of soul from body (Rom 5:12)
 - Spiritual – separation of soul from God

Ephesians 2:1-2 "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience"

- The Reason For The Judgment Of Death
 - The Judgment Of Physical Death Slows The Growth Of Sin
 - The Judgment Of Physical Death Shows The Decay Of Sin
 - The Judgment Of Physical Death Suggests Our Dependence Upon God's Mercy
 - The Judgment Of Spiritual Death Separates Sinful Man From The Holy God

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Step 1: LYING (Around) – The Time Of Vulnerability (1)

We are vulnerable when we focus on sexual conquest over spiritual conquest.

¹*It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*

- a. We are more prone to sin in times of comfort than in times of conflict.
 - David was now around 50 years old. He was now a veteran ruler of around 20 years. The job was easier, now that he didn't have to go onto the battle field.
 - "David was in bed, not in battle....Our greatest battles don't usually come when we're working hard; they come when we have some leisure, when we've got time on our hands, when we're bored.... He belonged in the battle; instead, he was in the

bedroom. He pushed the bedspread back, stretched himself, yawned a couple of times, sighed, looked around the room. He certainly didn't need any more sleep. He was not suffering the exhaustion of a busy, productive man; he was tired from not being tired." (Chuck Swindoll, *David*, p. 184)

- We are more prone to temptation in times of comfort than in conflict. When we're busy planning youth group meetings, preparing for Bible study, focusing on dealing with family needs – we are limited in time and opportunities to get into sin. When our **ministry stops**, or when we just **finished a big project at work** and it's now a down time, or after finishing finals – we become more prone to sin.
- b. We become prone to acts of sexual sin when we allow a mindset of sexual sin.
- Remember that David has accumulated several wives at this point. Michal, Abigail, Ahinoam had been married to David for a long time. He added 4 more when became king at Hebron. He added more wives and concubines when the kingdom united (2 Sam 5:13).
 - David, having as many wives as he desired, had a mindset of having as many women as he wanted. Being a faithful monogamist was not his mindset. David set himself up for this fall.
 - Men have mindsets fixed on visual arousal – scantily clad women in magazines, internet sites and bill boards. Women, who become sexually aroused emotionally, may have a mindset of sexual sin through soap operas, gossip sessions or magazine articles.

Step 2: EYEING – The Taste Of Temptation (2)

It is not a sin to be tempted – it is a sin to act on our lust.

²Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

- In the Middle East, it would be so hot in the afternoons that they would take a siesta. Work stops, and seeking shade begins. David finishes a nap, walks out on the veranda and spots a beautiful woman. She is called "very beautiful." The Scriptures don't often use superlatives like "very", so when it does in this case for "beautiful" – you better believe she was drop, dead gorgeous.
 - Erwin Lutzer: "Temptation is not a sin; it is a call to battle."
 - John Churton Collins : "We are no more responsible for the evil thoughts that pass through our minds than a scarecrow for the birds which fly over the seedplot he has to guard. The sole responsibility in each case is to prevent them from settling."
- a. **Temptation's Internal Tactic:** To Draw Away By Arousing Uncontrolled Desires

Solution: Tame the flame.

James 1:14 "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed."

- "drawn away" = imagery of animals being lured to traps
- "desire" = lust (*epithumia* = over desire, beyond a normal desire)
- If you have a flame for sexual passions, don't fan the flame of sexual desires through feeding (eye gate), flirting (heart gate) and feeling (sensuous gate)

1. Looking around arouses the eye gate (Job 31:1)

Job 31:1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?"

ie/ Ditty: "Be careful little eyes what you see"

2. Flirting around arouses the heart gate (1 Thess 4:6)

- Charles Spurgeon: "Learn to 'NO'; it will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin."

1 Thessalonians 4:6 "That no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter"

- Flirting takes advantage of a person you do not have sincere intentions towards. Defrauding arouses a passion that can not be righteously fulfilled.

3. Feeling around arouses the sensuous gate (1 Cor 7:1)

1 Corinthians 7:1 "It is not good for a man to touch a woman"

- "Touch" is in a sensual/sexual reference
- Context: outside of marriage (v. 2 – reason for marriage)

b. **Temptation's External Tactic:** To Draw Away By Attracting With A Dangerous Lure
Solution: Look for the hook.

- "enticed" = like bait on a hook enticing a fish
- In the Middle East, the afternoons were so hot, that work would stop, and siesta under the shade begins. After David finished a nap, he walks out on the veranda and spots a "very beautiful" woman. The Scriptures don't often use superlatives like "very", so when it does in this case for "beautiful" – you better believe she was drop dead gorgeous.

Was Bathsheba shamefully immodest by bathing in the courtyard? Though outdoor bathing was not too common, it was acceptable in this culture and climate. The courtyard can't be seen from the street. Yet, if you're in your

backyard – you know that your neighbors with 2 stories can see over your fence, so she could have been more cognizant and discreet.

Step 3: DEFYING – The Turning From Righteousness (3)

Each act of sin willfully turns against the truth and righteousness of God's Word.

³So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

- David had time to ask questions and act on information. He probably knew who this woman was. Uriah was one of his elite 30 military men. This close intimacy with his elite soldiers would have probably brought him to the acquaintance of Bathsheba. He knew she was married. David had to come to a point where he said "It doesn't matter"
- a. Each act of sin requires one to ignore the Person of God
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Creation and Fall and Temptation*: "In our members there is a slumbering inclination towards desire which is both sudden and fierce. With irresistible power, desire seizes mastery over the flesh. All at once a secret, smoldering fire is kindled. The flesh burns and is in flames....At this moment God is quite unreal to us, he loses all reality, and only desire for the creature is real....Satan does not here fill us with hatred of God, but with forgetfulness of God. The lust thus aroused envelops the mind and will of man in deepest darkness. [And] the powers of clear discrimination and of decision are taken from us." (pp. 116-117)
- b. Each act of sin requires one to ignore the Word of God
 - David knew the Ten Commandments – "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Ex 20:14)
 - David knew Leviticus 20:10 – adultery is punishable by death
- c. Each act of sexual sin requires one to ignore the individual, spiritual and familial significance of the one sinned against.
 - Every woman you lust upon is some man's daughters. Would you want that for your daughter?
 - David is given clear confirmation from his servant that the woman he is lusting after is the wife of Uriah the Hittite
 - normal reference of individuals relates them to their father, grandfather, etc. in the lineage ("daughter of Eliam")
 - Eliam is one of his close friends
 - Bathsheba is also the granddaughter of Ahithophel – another of David's friends and counselor
 - but here, the servant adds "the wife of Uriah"
 - David is about to betray two of his close friends (her father and grandfather) as well as one of his faithful soldiers (Uriah)

Step 4: TRYING – The Taking Part In Sin (4)

For every man involved in an affair, there is a woman as well.

⁴Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

James 1:15a "Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin"

a. A Sin Gets Conceived Mentally: We Plot On How We Will Carry Out The Sin

Solution: Your reason is treason. (Don't allow yourself to think of a good reason you should allow yourself to act on this sin)

b. A Sin Is Born Actually: We Act On Our Plan Of Sin

Solution: Turn or burn.

Step 5: SIGHING – The Tarnish Of Sin (5)

Sin may be pleasurable, but there's always a payoff.

⁵And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

- the buzz of being drunk with alcohol has the payoff of a hangover
 - the high of cocaine has the payoff of addiction
 - the rush of nicotine in cigarettes has the payoff of cancer
 - the economic benefit of stealing has a payoff – jail time
 - the pleasure of sex has the payoff of possible pregnancy, STD's, sexual scars
- F.B. Meyer – "One brief spell of passionate indulgence, and then – his character blasted irretrievably; his peace vanished; the foundations of his kingdom imperiled; the Lord displeased; and great occasion given to his enemies to blaspheme."
(David)

James 1:15b "And sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

- "full grown" = *apotelesthesia* = finish, bring to completion, run it's course
- Oscar Wilde, the brilliant playwright, once said "I can resist anything except temptation," also sadly declared: "I forgot that every little action of the common day makes or unmakes character, and that therefore what one has done in the secret chamber one has some day to cry aloud from the housetop. I allowed pleasure to dominate me. I ended in horrible disgrace."

Conclusion:

1. Recognize Temptation
2. Resist Temptation

3. Take Responsibility For Our Own Sin
4. Let Christ