



The Truth About Blind Spots
Man's Original Fall (It made him dependent)

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Series Summary:

Part 1: God's Original Design (From Dependence to Independence)

Part 2: Man's Original Fall (It made him dependent)

Part 3: My Personal Testimony: Four Things Life Has Taught Me About Independence

- A. Dependence is Seasonal (What you depend on now will be gone in the future)**
- B. Independence demands the right pieces (Master the pieces and you will master independence and self-determination)**
- C. Cultural religious bias limits our reach (Matthew 23)**

Three Observations

I. The Unhealthy Relationship Changed Everything

- Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat 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 has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (**Genesis 3:1–5**)

Note: The Impact of the Relationship (Genesis 3:1–5)

1. The Enemy Questions God's Word
(“Did God really say...?”)
2. The Enemy Distorts God's Provision
(Focus on restriction, not abundance)

3. **He Weakens God's Warning (In Hebrew Lest you die is might die)**
(“Lest you die” vs. “surely die” cp. Genesis 2:17 “you will surely die”)
4. He Denies God’s Truth
(“You will not surely die”)
5. He Offers False Promotion
(“You will be like God”)

Question: Have you ever had this kind of conversation and were tempted to make this kind of decision?

II. The Decision They Made That Changed Everything

6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

A. The Decision Changed Their View of Themselves: **They saw themselves as naked**

- 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Note:

- Nudity has been reduced to sensuality and lust. But in truth it is a transparent state where you can hide nothing. Imagine if everyone here could see behind all the things you cover up. If they could hear your thoughts, see how you live, look into your resources, and explore the real you without the make-up, without the explanations.
- Many people don’t like marriage because it strips off all the hidden thoughts, issues, habits, and privacy you have. They know when you go to the bathroom, when you have a bad day, when you don’t look good, etc.

B. The Decision Changed Their view of God: **They hid themselves**

- 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

C. The Decision Changed Their Life Options:

1. They could no longer live fear free:

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?”

2. They began to place blame on others (The blamed her, she blamed the serpent)

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.”

D. The Decision Changed the Level of Difficulty In the Future: Genesis 3:17

- 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 Genesis 3, the word ‘cursed’ appears twice, and both times it is a passive participle. That means neither the serpent nor the ground cursed themselves—they were placed under a condition by God.”

1. They Faced Things Around Them Being Cursed

- “The word ‘cursed’ is a passive participle, not an active one. Active means you did it; passive means it was done to you. So in Genesis 3, these were conditions placed on them. The ground was cursed—put under restriction. The woman (nor Adam) were cursed, but the woman would have pain in childbirth, pain for the woman was multiplied. Life was now placed under new conditions.”
 - 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.

2. They Were Given a Big Prophetic Hint

- Geek Note: This is the Protoevangelium: The first Gospel
- 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.”

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- “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.

- ”20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.
- 22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

3. They Were Driven Out of the Garden

- 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. ([Genesis 3:1–24](#), NKJV)

4. They Started Facing Family Crisis (Genesis 4)

Next Time: My Personal Testimony – Five Things Life Has Taught Me