

T H E *of* W O N D E R W O M A N

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Sunday we continued our series on the design of woman. Last week we looked at God's perfect, intended design but that was fractured when sin entered the world. The results of the fall were far and wide reaching and had significant ramification for both men and women.

1. What stood out to you most about Sunday's teaching?

2. Read Genesis 3:1-19: Was the fall the fault of the woman?

3. Read Romans 5:12-14: What do these verses tell us about the fall?

1 Timothy 2:13-14 is very important commentary in regards to the fall and harmonizes the account of the fall in Genesis 3 and Romans 5. Eve was more easily deceived, not because of her gender. As second created, she had a mediated relationship with God's command. God gave the important "don't eat of the fruit of that on tree" command once he made one human, Adam. Adam passed on that command to Eve, evidenced by her imprecise memory of God's command. A secondary, mediated exposure to God's word can leave someone more easily deceived. This understanding harmonizes Eve's deception with sin entering the world through Adam, but it is wrong to say that because Eve was deceived that is a stereotype placed on all women. Eve's role in the fall does not indicate an ontological flaw in all women that makes them susceptible to deception more than men.

4. What do you think is the most significant result of the fall? For women (Gen 3:16), and for men (Gen 3:17-19)? Why?

5. The Biblical narrative is centered around Jesus restoring what was broken by the fall. Until that final restoration takes place, what can we do, as men and women, to model God's intended design of equality and mutuality shown at the very beginning?

6. How are you modeling the harmony of Eden before the fall that points to our ultimate hope of paradise restored?