

Why was Eve deceived by satan?

We discover that at the beginning in Genesis 1:26-28, God made man in His image and gave him dominion over all the earth. Psalm 8:5-6 says that man was created a little lower than Elohim (God), crowned with glory and honor, made to have dominion over the works of His hands; and had all things under his feet. It is amazing that after God put this plan together, he took a step back and said "This is very good!". It is evident that man having dominion and exercising this God given authority was not an afterthought but was a very intentional strategy that would make man the "little god of the earth." Jesus even said it in John 10:34.

To be the god of the earth meant that man had the awesome privilege and responsibility to guard, keep and protect the earth. He was to maintain order, and restrain any evil from entering.

Fast forward a few thousand years and we find out in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that satan had become the "god" of this world. Jesus Himself, tempted by the devil was told that all the kingdoms of the earth and their authority had been delivered to satan. So what really happened?

The devil did not come in the garden in the form of an elephant to take this authority by force, but he came in the form of a serpent, the most cunning animal. satan knew that true authority has to be given and delegated, so his strategy was to get man to yield his God given authority over to him.

How did he do this?

The Bible tells us that the serpent went to the woman, but why? Like a hunting hyena, he analyzed his prey, he listened, observed, looking for weakness. Obviously he saw a weakness in Eve that made her a target. Eve was weak because she didn't know the truth, and because she did not know the truth, she was easily deceived. In Genesis 3:13 *"The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.' "*

Jesus said "you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free!" Free from deception, free from the lies and strategies of satan. To know the truth, means that you have a personal knowledge and revelation of that truth. You see, Eve did not know the truth because when God spoke and gave the command to Adam in Genesis 3:15-17, Eve was not present and therefore never heard the truth from God's mouth Himself.

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.' " Genesis 2:16-17

Why wasn't Eve present when God spoke? Because she had not yet been created.

"And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.' " Genesis 2:18.

Obviously, Eve had received second hand knowledge from Adam.

Whether Adam told her wrong, or she heard wrong, that we cannot tell, but it is obvious that Eve got the wrong information. Do you remember what she told the serpent? *"We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 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.'" Genesis 3:2-3.* Is this what God said? Absolutely no!

Have you ever played the telephone game as a kid? We would all make a line. The first person would come up with a sentence and whisper it to the next person in line who would say it to the next person, whispering the message into their ear until the message made it to the end of the line. The last person would say the message out loud and we would all laugh so hard because by the end of the line, the message was completely different.

I believe that this is what happened to Eve. She heard that she was not allowed to touch the fruit and when she did and nothing happened, it emboldened her to eat, and we know the rest of the story.

The bottom line is that if you are only content with second hand information from the mouth of a preacher and you do not enter into a personal relationship with God to hear personally from Him, you are weak and you open yourself to the strategies of satan, which is deception, religion, manipulation. When you personally have a revelation of the truth, you become strong and not easily susceptible to his trickery.

"I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one." 1 John 2:14

You can know that you have been given ALL authority over the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19), but if the enemy seems to have the upper hand, could it be because, like in the garden of Eden, you have yielded your authority over to him because you do not know the truth, and have believed a lie?