

Miscellaneous Notes

But you might point out how God hit both Adam and Eve exactly where they lived in pronouncing his curse: He hit Adam in the area of providing for his wife and family - of course, Adam was required to do that before the fall, but from that time on there would be weeds in the garden! And Eve's main concern was in her relationship with her husband and guess where the curse hit her? Pain in childbirth and some kind of strife in her relationship with Adam.

I heard Dr. Stowell say that Adam ate the fruit because he didn't want to lose Eve. He put his relationship with her above his relationship with God.

Our son, Charles (Dennison), told me once that Adam should have sacrificed himself in Eve's stead to cover her sin; but he did not do that - he ate the forbidden fruit also, and brought them both into condemnation.

(paraphrased from a very old commentary): *God made man in His image. He already reflected God. Satan told him he would be like God, so he grasped to get something false that he already possessed by virtue of creation. Similar to common temptations where Satan tempts us to disobey God to get something God has already given us (love, security, identity, etc.).*