



### *Genesis 3:5 Living Bible*

*<sup>5</sup> God knows very well that the instant you eat it you will become like him, for your eyes will be opened—you will be able to distinguish good from evil!"*

The passage above is the most famous and still to this day the misunderstood words of the Serpent to the first woman Eve in the Biblical story of the first divine test. Though one of the most fascinating accounts recorded in

the Holy Scriptures it has never actually been explained to anyone what the words really means. Since this story has real implements to address sin it is best to isolate its main objective to announce its goal.

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This passage opens with a questionable statement “God Knows very well”, since it indicates something is off. But is that really so? Because Adam and Eve lived in Eden under certain conditions which is stated clearly at Genesis 2:25, the serpent’s words seem to suggest something different or hidden going on. So the important question should be is God good or what is God’s intention towards humans? But first we must settle the question of mankind’s origin, how did human come to exist? The question is easily answered and has always been at *Psalms 139:13-16 (Living Bible)* it says <sup>13</sup> *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb.* <sup>14</sup> *Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.* <sup>15</sup> *You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion!* <sup>16</sup> *You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!* This passage supports God as the maker of human life period by speaking of the parts make within the human body. It is already recorded in the Bible that males

and females are created in God's image. Humans were told to reproduce themselves and continue in the legacy as humans not animals. Whereas animals have certain limitations people do not. It is very easy to acknowledge the difference between animals and humans, the difference in genetic DNA meant that animals could never have evolved into people at any time. Humans that were created in the image of God means that their personality shows divine mark, which animals do not have extreme personality complexity, they live off instincts.

Eve was one of the first creatures created by God and along with Adam she was allowed to live in Eden under certain conditions. The Bible clearly states these conditions at *Genesis 2:15-17 (Names of God Bible)*<sup>15</sup> Then *Yahweh Elohim* took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to farm the land and to take care of it.<sup>16</sup> *Yahweh Elohim* commanded the man. He said, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden."<sup>17</sup> But you must never eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because when you eat from it, you will certainly die." So not only did God clearly give the forbidden tree a name, it was also explained well in advance what would happen if the tree was eaten from. God had every right to determine the conditions of life inside of the Garden of Eden since God is the owner of the entire earth. Nothing indicates that something is wrong or off simply because a tree with a certain name was forbidden. Under the conditions God

made for the first humans to live in Eden Eve as well as Adam were very happy and lived in peace. As the creator of life how does the Bible express God's feeling about each creation? At *Genesis 1:31 (Living Bible)*<sup>31</sup> *Then God looked over all that he had made, and it was excellent in every way. This ended the sixth day.* In translation it speaks of God going back over everything being made for an inspection and then to declare it was all working "excellently". Nothing actually suggests that Eve was not happy in a perfectly created planet Earth, since divine inspection has passed with flying colors.

The next chapter three of Genesis has a special test was created for Eve. The Earth was made with an experiment in mind and the test upholds the results taken from the experiment. When all the creations are completed and God gives the thumbs up for approval, God also checked the human body for fitness before a test could be administered. What passage in the Bible tells us this is situation before the divine test of integrity?

*Ezekiel 28:12-15 (Easy-to-Read Version)*

<sup>12</sup> "Son of man, sing this sad song about the king of Tyre. Say to him, 'this is what the Lord GOD says:

*"You were the perfect man—  
so full of wisdom and perfectly handsome.  
<sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God.*

*You had every precious stone—  
rubies, topaz, and diamonds,  
beryl's, onyx, and jasper,  
sapphires, turquoise, and emeralds.  
And each of these stones was set in gold.  
You were given this beauty on the day you were created.  
God made you strong.  
<sup>14</sup> You were one of the chosen Cherubs  
who spread your wings over my throne.  
I put you on the holy mountain of God.  
You walked among the jewels that sparkled like fire.  
<sup>15</sup> You were good and honest when I created you,  
but then you became evil.*

**We should never conclude that God was being unrighteous in any of his dealing with human, since God is not human, 1 Samuel 15:29. But it is also important to understand that The Holy Bible is the writings of Almighty God and the third chapter of Genesis tells the story of disobedience that resulted in revealing a sinful nature in Human beings. What passage in the Bible expresses this point? At *Isaiah 1:4-6 (Living Bible)* <sup>4</sup> *Oh, what a sinful nation they are! They walk bent-backed beneath their load of guilt. Their fathers before them were evil too. Born to be bad, they have turned their backs upon the Lord and have despised the Holy One of Israel. They have cut themselves off from his help.* <sup>5-6</sup> *Oh, my people, haven't you had enough of punishment? Why will you force me to whip you again and again? Must you forever rebel? From head to foot you are sick and weak and faint, covered with bruises and welts and infected wounds, unanointed and unbound.***

*'You will be able to distinguish good from evil!'* Now since the test of integrity expresses God's right to decide what is right or a wrong way for humans to live, we can determine if alone people had the ability to decide for themselves. Chapter three of Genesis does not have that much information because it really does seem like the girl fell flat instantly. The chapter was written this way because it was left for divine explanation of the chapter at the End of the World. The serpent does actually use the power of support to help Eve. Once the question was asked by the serpent if God really said they could not eat from the trees of the Garden of Eden. The woman quoted exactly what God had said to her and she seemed not to question God's authority. This is a clever deception by asking if all the trees are forbidden instead of just one tree. Once it is clear that the Tree in the middle of the Garden is the forbidden tree the serpent goes on to plant the seed of doubt within the woman's heart in which he must now become her sole support. <sup>4</sup> *"That's a lie!" the serpent hissed. "You'll not die!* Okay so now we understand the tactics that the serpent used, the woman can either believe the serpent or she can reject the serpent the choice alone is hers.

Today in the modern world we have plenty of information about humans and how we lived and made decisions in our daily lives. There are different cultures of course but human nature will always be the same. What information does the Bible have that tells us what we are to expect from humans? At *Genesis 8:21 (Names of God Bible)*

<sup>21</sup> *Yahweh smelled the soothing aroma. Yahweh said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of humans, even though from birth their hearts are set on nothing but evil. I will never again kill every living creature as I have just done.*

**The key points of this passage helps us see that mankind never at any time had the ability to be perfect without God. This is how God created people that were meant to be involved with an experiment, because salvation would end the experiment. Since salvation is from God the experiment calls for the sole accomplishment of humans to determine for themselves. What passage in the Bible sums up the condition of mankind at the End of the World? At *Matthew 15:16-***

*20 (Easy-to-Read Version) <sup>16</sup> Jesus said, "Do you still have trouble understanding? <sup>17</sup> Surely you know that all the food that enters the mouth goes into the stomach. Then it goes out of the body. <sup>18</sup> But the bad things people say with their mouth come from the way they think. And that's what can make people wrong. <sup>19</sup> All these bad things begin in the mind: evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual sins, stealing, lying, and insulting people. <sup>20</sup> These are the things that make people wrong. Eating without washing their hands will never make people unacceptable to God."* **What additional information does the Bible**

**have? At *2 Timothy 3:1-5 (Living Bible) <sup>3</sup> You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. <sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad. <sup>3</sup> They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good. <sup>4</sup> They will betray their friends; they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshiping***

*God.<sup>5</sup> They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that.*

*"You will become like him"* after thousands of years in human existence have they ever been "like God"? The best way to determine the truth of this statement is to go over human history and compare it to Bible literature. The best thing that God has ever done was to use a sure and reliable way to communicate with humans. The Bible is one of the easiest ways that God could think of to put his thoughts in a book and leave it to humans such as a gift. The Bible has everything that we need to understand God and to know what God wants to say to people everywhere. Another quality often found in the Bible is that God has allowed his personality to be within the pages of the Bible. So in addressing this information in the Bible we will acknowledge whether people have actually become like God. At *Exodus 9:14 (Easy-to-Read Version)* <sup>14</sup> *this time, I will use my full power against you, your officials, and your people. Then you will know that there is no god in the world like me.* Now this passage expresses God use of Power this aspect of God can be used in human form to display power in many different settings. Since the word power has many definitions the best explanation would be mental educated power display. The easiest definition would be the word: **Stratagem** = a plan or scheme,



especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end. The passage above relates to the ten Plagues that destroyed Egypt during the Hebrew Exodus. Since the Egyptian gods could not replica or challenge the plagues of the Hebrew God the power displayed was unique and unmatched. Has there ever been a human that could replica or challenge the plagues of the Exodus?

Another aspect of God's attributes that is found in the Bible would be at *Exodus 15:11 (Names of God Bible)* "Who is like you among the gods, O *Yahweh*? Who is like you? You are glorious because of your holiness and awe-inspiring because of your splendor. You perform miracles. This passage has several interesting points that I want to call attention to, first off the use of the Divine name of God in Hebrew form. Why is this important? Because it shows us that the original form of worship created by God is in Hebrew. This in fact helps us see that the character Jesus Christ was a Judaism convert that created Christianity that is named after him, Acts 11:26. In English the divine name is pronounced Jehovah. The Jewish Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHWH) is the correct form. The second point in the passage above is that God's holiness is considered glorious. This again has several definitions for the word Holiness: the state of being holy. The best explanation of the word holiness would be **Piety** = the quality of being religious or reverent. Which is to say is God clean, willing to uphold a

form of standard? The answer is yes to the point of being *glorious*. This means that God can be clean enough to uphold Christian standards and promote to all physical cleanness. The word glorious means exemplary displays which expresses leadership as the creator. Since we know that God is unseen and that humans are unable to see with the naked eye, there must be some form that will be acknowledged in the future, Revelation 21:1-4. In continuing this address the next segment will present the conclusion.