

Shiloh Christian Church Sunday School

SOUL SISTER: EVE

A look at EVE – Genesis 2 & 3

Eve is the embodiment of womanhood; completely feminine, yet unique in many ways:

Question: How is Eve like no other woman who lived?

1. Eve was never a child
2. Eve was never a daughter
3. Eve was never born
4. Eve was never without a man in her life
5. Eve was married the day she arrived on planet earth – there was not even a courtship, no flowers, no chocolate
6. Eve makes her debut in her birthday suit – and was not even ashamed

Question: How is Eve like no other living creature made on earth?

1. All living things were created from the dust of the earth – including Adam
2. Eve was created differently – she was made from the rib taken from man – she was made from man, she was made for man. *For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; *neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. I Cor. 11:8-9

What can we learn from Eve?

1. Eve as created **WOMAN** in the image of God – created as a unique female, feminine entity – our gender is defined by God, not our culture.
2. Eve was created a **PERFECT COMPANION** from the rib taken from his side from a place near to man's heart ...
 - a. **It cost him something near 'his heart' to have her** – he needed to see that she was a special gift to him – one that God fashioned just for him – she was not another being created from the dust – everything else that was created from the dust Adam ruled and conquered. Eve was made from him and for him; she was to be appreciated and cared for.
 - b. **She was created from 'his side'** – she was fashioned as a perfectly suited companion to come alongside him as a helper. Together they were given dominion in the earth, but she represented qualities and strengths that he

lacked. God will give you gifts that complete the needs of your spouse. [Can you name ways that your natural gifting complements your husband?]

- i. As a man is yielded to God in surrender and sacrifice – God will be able to cause him to give himself to his wife. In doing so God will be able to give her as a gift to her husband.
3. Eve was placed in **MARRIAGE** by God – it was not a civil contract, but a divine institution – a divine order was outlined in the description of creation.
 - a. **Step 1** – a man yielded to God (a deep sleep – depicting surrender)
 - b. **Step 2** – removal of the rib to make woman suited for man
 - c. **Step 3** – allegiance to each marriage partner supersedes ties to mother and father. (At this point did Adam or Eve have parents? NO! But God knew that in-laws could be an issue so he made sure to set marriage as the paramount relationship).
 - d. **Step 4** – there is implied here a marriage (after leaving mother and father’s care)
 - e. **Step 5** – oneness & intimacy follow marriage
NOTE the order: MARRIAGE comes before NAKEDNESS – there was NO SHAME
4. Eve was **VULNERABLE** and **INFLUENTIAL**
 - a. We can be vulnerable – when we start to waffle on the Word and toy with Satan
 - b. We can be influential – we can influence our husbands so we need to be careful of who is influencing us.
5. We will suffer **CONSEQUENCES** when we break God’s law – our actions will have a domino effect that can travel through time for generations to come.
6. The name EVE means – **Life or Life Giving** – this describes her role as the Womb-Man

SUMMARY

The main thing to take away from our lesson on Eve is being female and uniquely feminine was God’s idea. He made us for dominion in the earth, a helper for man, the carrier of life for future generations, and we are powerful and very influential.

God wants us to stay submitted to him first, understand and respect the headship of our husbands.

Eve’s life shows us God order in the creation of family – beginning first with the union of husband and wife.