

The Serpent And The Woman

Ge 3:1 ¶ "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

Why did the serpent, the devil, appeal to the woman, Eve, and not to the man, Adam? I believe we can find the answer to this question in Genesis chapter 2, in a couple of scriptures:

- ***Ge 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."***
- ***Ge 2:21-23; 21 "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."***

How do we see the answer to the question in these verses? What was Adam made of? The dust of the earth. What was Eve made of? She was made from the flesh of Adam, not from the earth. Well, what has that got to do with anything? In the fall of man, where did sin take residency? In the sinful nature of the flesh? Thus, we understand that the serpent appealed to the flesh nature of the woman. The devil is still using the same tactic today, he always appeals to the inherited sin nature of the flesh, in his attempt to get mankind to remain in their fallen state. This is apparent, to the born-again children of God, as they watch the world of sin feeding on the lies of the devil, and partaking of all kinds of ungodliness.

We see it up close and personal, when, after our new birth, the devil tempts us with evil. The devil knows that he cannot overcome the nature of Christ in you, because he has already tried that when he tempted Jesus. Remember, after Jesus was baptized, he was led of the Spirit to the wilderness, seen in ***Mt 4:1 ¶ "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."*** Jesus never succumbed to any of the temptations presented to him by the devil. Why? Because Jesus had a prepared body and a sinless nature, not an inherited sin nature of the flesh. All the devil's temptations of Jesus were temptations of the flesh. He knew that he could not get Jesus, the Son of God to sin. How does the devil know that? Because the devil must have permission from God before he can do anything. The devil can only do what God allows him to do.

So, the answer to the question: Why did the serpent tempt Eve and not Adam? is answered in: The devil's appeal is always to the flesh. Because Eve was made of the flesh of Adam, the devil made his appeal to the flesh, which he knew could not resist temptation.

Today, in this age of grace, we should always be giving glory, honor, and praise, to our King Jesus, that we have a new nature of Christ in us, which, like Jesus, will never give in to the temptations of the devil, seen in ***1Jo 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."*** However, we must not forget, we, like Eve, are made of flesh, and our flesh nature must be repressed every day, to enjoy the benefits of communing with God. Thank you, King Jesus, for your gift of eternal salvation to us, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. Hallelujah! Amen!