

Genesis 2:16-17

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."

I think we all know about how man was created by God, and the instructions that God gave to Adam was, ***"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."***

If you think about it, Adam was given the choice to be obedient to God, by not eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, or to disobey God, which would be by eating from it. We also know that Adam chose to disobey God, and we shake our heads at Adam saying that the fall of man is all his fault. Yet we seem to forget that we are all given the same choice every day that Adam had, which is the choice of being obedient to God and what He tells us to do in His word, or not to be obedient to God and what He tells us to do in His word.

Yet how many times throughout the day do we choose to eat of forbidden fruit, which are the things God tells us not to partake of (sin) and chose disobedience instead, just like Adam did. So you can't blame Adam for your sins but rather, blame yourself for choosing to be disobedient to God, just like Adam was.

But isn't that the way it is when we sin, just like it was for Adam. When Adam was confronted about his sin of eating from the tree that God told him not to eat of, Adam's first reaction was to blame someone else. And since only Adam and Eve were the only humans that existed on the earth at the time, the only one he could blame was his wife, Eve.

‡ ***Genesis 3:12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."***

Also, Eve could not respond with, *"No way Jose, you made me it, it's your fault."* because she knew that she was guilty, and since she could not blame Adam, she blamed the serpent.

‡ ***Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."***

And sure, the serpent did deceive Eve so she ate, but the serpent never forced her to, she did it on her own. Now I am not defending the serpent, but rather, both Adam and Eve were tempted, Eve by the serpent, and Adam by Eve. Yet they both had the same ability to say "NO" because, there was no threat of, *"If you don't I'm going to beat you up or kill you"*. So neither one had a leg to

stand on, and even though they knew that they were guilty of being disobedient to God, both still tried to blame someone else for their own sin.

Also, this was the very first time that man was confronted with sin, and what was man's response. *"Uhm, it was someone else's fault that I sinned, not mine."* And man (and woman) have been using that same old excuse for the last 6,000 years. Just like it didn't get Adam anywhere, it won't when we do it either.

But then, that's why Jesus came and died for us, because God knew that man could not be obedient to Him, and that man would make excuses and blame others. But isn't it interesting that no one ever blamed Jesus for their sin, yet He is the only one Who could die for and redeem us from our sins.

- † **1 John 2:1-2** *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*
- † **Proverbs 28:13 (NLT2)** *People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.*
- † **1 John 1:8-10** *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*