

QUESTION: Since Eve tempted Adam with the forbidden fruit, why is man only responsible for sin? Does the term "man" mean both men and women?

ANSWER: The Bible says **the first man, ADAM**, is responsible for sin entering the world, not "men" in general. The following are the reasons why the Bible says it is Adam ALONE who is responsible for sin and death in the world:

1.) First of all, **Eve did not TEMPT Adam**. The Bible says she offered the fruit to him, and he just took it. Sin and its resulting DEATH came through the "Fall of Man", when Adam and Eve sinned (see Romans 5:12), so in that sense it is both men and women, but **the Bible is very specific in giving the BLAME to Adam**. Satan, through the serpent, DECEIVED Eve, but Adam took the fruit and disobeyed God of **his own FREE WILL**, and his disobedience brought the CONSEQUENCES of SIN and DEATH (the "curse"). The earth is under this CURSE of SIN and DEATH until Jesus comes again and makes all things new. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that Eve tempted Adam, or that he was tricked or deceived. It says she offered it to him, he directly disobeyed God, and he just took it and ate.

- **I Timothy 2:13-14** "For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And **Adam was NOT deceived**, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression."
- **Romans 5:12** "Therefore, just as **through ONE MAN** sin entered the world, and DEATH through sin, and thus **DEATH spread to all men**, because ALL SINNED - "

2.) Not only did Adam sin of his own free will, without being first deceived, but the Bible indicates that **he was RIGHT THERE WITH Eve** when the serpent deceived her, and he did nothing to stop it. Adam was given DOMINION over all creation (Genesis 1:26-27, Gen. 2:15-20), and he was the head or leader in his relationship to Eve (she was made to be his helper, Gen. 2:20). Adam was given dominion over "every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" so he should have stopped the serpent (commanded that "creep" to shut up) after his first words, and he should have protected Eve. **Adam was given the commandment by God** even before Eve was created. That is why God gives the responsibility of bringing sin and death into the world to Adam.

- **Genesis 3:6** "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to **her husband WITH HER**, and he ate."
- **Genesis 2:16-17** "And the Lord God commanded the man (Adam), 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.'"
- **Genesis 3:17-19** "Then to Adam He (God) said, 'Because you have heeded (listened to) the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, 'You shall NOT eat of it': 'CURSED is the ground **for your sake**(because of what you have done); in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles (weeds) it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread (work hard for a living) till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.'"

3.) The Bible calls Jesus the Last Adam, because He came to undo the works of the First Adam. It doesn't say Jesus is the "Last Adam and Eve." **Adam is a "TYPE" or representative of Christ**, in the sense of CONTRAST to what Jesus accomplished by His death and resurrection. Just as **Adam's actions** affected the whole human race in a NEGATIVE way (bringing death), Jesus' actions affect the whole human race in a POSITIVE way (to those who will believe, they bring LIFE).

- **Romans 5:14 & 17-19** "Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam to Moses**, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of **Adam, who is a TYPE of Him who was to come.**" "For if **by the one man's offense death reigned** through the one, MUCH MORE those who receive abundance of GRACE and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through **the One**, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as **through one man's offense** judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through **one Man's righteous act** the free gift came to ALL MEN, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be MADE RIGHTEOUS."
- **I Corinthians 15:21-22 & 45 & 47-49** "For since by man (Adam) came death, by Man (Jesus) also came the resurrection of the dead. For as **in Adam all die**, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." ".....The **first man Adam** became a living being. **The last Adam** became a life-giving spirit." "The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust (chemicals of the earth); and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the IMAGE of the man of dust, we shall also **bear the IMAGE of the heavenly Man.**"

4.) Also, the sin nature is passed down through our human fathers, and that is why Jesus had to be born of a virgin, without a human father, in order for Him to be sinless and without a sin nature.

- **Genesis 3:15** "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **HER SEED**; He (Jesus) shall bruise you (Satan) on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel."
- **Isaiah 7:14** "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **a VIRGIN will be with child and bear a Son**, and she will call His name Emmanuel."
- **Matthew 1:23** "Behold, **a VIRGIN** shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'"

Adam passed the **sin nature** to his descendants, and we all became sinners by nature. We are not "sinners" because we commit sin - **we SIN because we are sinners!** We are BORN into this world with a NATURE that is warped and twisted, and we want to do everything **"MY WAY" not God's way**, and that is the basis of all sin. We see this so clearly in little children: you don't have to teach them to lie, hit another child, steal another child's toy, or have a temper tantrum to have his way - it comes naturally! The only human being since Adam and Eve sinned **who was born WITHOUT a sinful nature was Jesus**. That is why He was born of a virgin, and had no human father, because the sin nature is passed down through our human FATHERS, through Adam.

- **Psalms 51:5** "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in SIN my mother conceived me."
- **Psalms 58:3** "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go ASTRAY as soon as they are BORN, speaking LIES."
- **Isaiah 53:6** "All we like sheep have gone ASTRAY; we have turned, **every one to his OWN WAY**; and the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity (sin) of us ALL."

Definition: "In SIN my mother conceived me" - This does not mean that David was born out of wedlock, or that the sex act that brought about his conception was a sinful act; it means that from the time of his very conception, **he was in a sinful state** himself, and separated from God. Adam's deliberate sin brought about DEATH; not only physical death, but SPIRITUAL DEATH. It is this **being dead spiritually** that we are all born into (see Ephesians 2:1-7), and that is why the NEW BIRTH is necessary (John 3:1-11).