

God

Our God does Not Control!!

2 Corinthians 4:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

4 among them the god of this world [Satan] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



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Adam and Eve had a choice.

(they could either do what GOD had directed or sin (go contrary to what GOD said))

Gen 2:¹⁶ *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.
¹⁷ But of **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:** for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely ***die.** (dieguenos, = to suffer spiritual death)*

They could eat of any tree in the garden except the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But they chose the one fruit that they were forbidden to eat!

When GOD formed, made & created this earth, He put Adam in charge.

God made it clear what Adam could and could not do. The only thing that Adam should not do was to eat of the tree of good and evil. But Adam had a choice.

¹⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God formed every [wild] beast and living creature of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ And Adam gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the air and to every [wild] beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.

Man was placed on the earth to rule it and to have dominion over it and every living thing. God gave man only one restriction;

God put Adam in charge, and the devil knew that if he was going to throw a monkey wrench into GOD'S perfect creation, that he needed to work through Adams' through his weakest link, Eve.

Satan's goal since his eviction from heaven has been to mess up what GOD set up.

John 10:10 **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:**

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² And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,

*³ Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, **neither shall you touch it**, lest you die.*

2. Eve added to God's word when she added "neither shall you touch it!"

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3. Satan changed Gods' word and got away with it, because neither Adam nor Eve did NOT challenge him.

These are choses! a) Eve questioned Gods word; b) considered the devils words c) the Eve completely changed Gods' word by adding to it when she stated that "**we cannot touch it**".

And Adam (like a dummy) did not correct Eve or Satan, but when Eve ate the forbidden fruit she then offered to Adam and Adam “did eat”.

Adam and Eve chose to allow the devil to add to, “neither shall you touch it”, change it by allowing the devil to state “you shall NOT surely die!

God set things up the way that He wanted things to be.

Man had dominion over all things:

1. Adam named the animals
2. Adam made the decision to go along with the devil and also his wife
3. When Adam blew it, God confronted him.

When confronted by God Adam did the classic thing that men have done to this day, blame shifted...

- a) First Adam tried to hide from GOD (that is never a good idea)

Gen 3:8 *And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.*

- b) Next, Adam blamed God.

c) **Gen 3:12a** *The woman whom **THOU** gavest to be with me*

Gen 3:12b *she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

Eve in turn, followed Adam's example and blamed the devil.

Gen 3:13 *And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

1. **Blamed GOD**
2. **Blamed his wife**
3. **Eve blamed the devil But did NOT take responsibility for their *sin**

John 10:10. *Amplified Bible ¹⁰ The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].*

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Amplified Bible, 5 Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart, And do not rely on your own insight or understanding.*

6 *In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, And He will make your paths straight and no block your way]*

Adam was given an opportunity to confess, but began blame shifting instead!



Adam failed to fess up!
(They paid a price for their decision)

When David brought cheeses to his brothers, who were fighting the Philistines, and heard Goliath issues his challenge (while the army of Israel ran for cover) David had a chose. He could run like his brothers did or take a stand.

³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

The rest is history! A teenager chose to do what an entire army was afraid to even attempt, challenge Goliath.

Getting born again involves making a chose.

Romans 10:9-10 KJV ⁹ That **if** thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

- Walking with GOD involves making a chose

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Just as Adam & Eve had a choice, so we have a chose also. When we are born into this world we take on the nature of the first Adam. When we chose Jesus Christ (the 2nd Adam) God gives us a new birth.

1 Corinthians 15:21-23

King James Version

²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1 Corinthians 15:45-47

King James Version

⁴⁵ And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

⁴⁶ Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

- **Our actions & words communicate our heart (what we really believe) & our beliefs are communicated to those around us.**

2 Timothy 2:15-18 Amplified Bible

¹⁵ Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid all irreverent babble and godless chatter [with its profane, empty words], for it will lead to further ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their teaching will spread like gangrene. So it is with Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have deviated from the truth. They claim that the resurrection has already taken place, and they undermine the faith of some.

2 Tim 2:17 New King James Version

And their message spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort - KJV

Strong's Number G1044 matches the Greek γάγγραινα (*gaggraina*), which occurs 1 times in 1 verses in the Greek concordance.

“a gangrene, a disease by which any part of the body suffering from inflammation becomes so corrupted that, unless a remedy be seasonably applied, the evil continually spreads, attacks other parts, and at last eats away the bones”

What these men said, spread through the body of believers like a cancer, eating away at the integrity of The Word that they had been taught. This is the same *modus operandi that the devil used on Adam & Eve, thousands of years earlier!

- **Let us review what Adam & Eve did before they fell.**

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- **Let me remind you before we start looking down our noses at Adam & Eve.**

Rom 3:23-26

*23 **For all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (payment in full) through faith in his blood, 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. KJV*

- **Jesus Christ became our 2nd Adam, to undo all that the 1st Adam did.**

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JOSHUA 24:15 [KJV](#)

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but **as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**

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