

"And the LORD God Took the man, and Put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And The LORD God Commanded The Man, Saying, 'Of every tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat: 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.'" Genesis 2:15-17 KJV



Faith began in Eden when God commanded man. "Be fruitful and multiply. Freely eat. Thou shalt not. – So then, Faith Cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Adam chose desire over obedience! Satan did not tempt the man who God Commanded, but, Eve, who learned from Adam. We know it was relayed incorrectly because she asserted,

"Neither shall ye touch it!" God Never Said, "Don't Touch." Adam obviously added his own words to God's! Never add nor subtract from God's Word when teaching. Satan will in turn use it to weaken the faithful. There are several lessons here: Know and teach God's Word as given; nothing more or less; husbands, relay Truth to your wife without personal preferences; wives, obey God's Word as taught by your husband! God's Word Says, "And if [wives] will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home." This naturally goes against the grain of any red-blooded woman, but it is not the trusting of a fallible, mistake-ridden man, but trusting the God Who Commands him. If he messes up, God will deal with him, not you. Abraham told his wife to deceive Pharaoh and she did as commanded. God not only punished Pharaoh, but Abraham as well. "And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And...they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had. Thus Saith the LORD," Is Sufficient. If it needs saying God Word Has Said It. Adam loved Eve more than he loved God and "did eat." Isn't it that way every time? We desire and disobey. The essence of faith is obedience to God's Word; "for sin is the transgression of the law" We disobey because we do not love God enough. "This Is Love; that we walk after His Commandments." It should matter only that God Desires it of us. God's Word Is the Power That Hangs every glistening starry orb on nothing! What He Says Is, And Will Remain As He Commands. Disobedience is lack of Faith. Eve was deceived because Satan used Adam's additions to make Truth seem false and Eve disobeyed Adam's instructions. There is no record God Command the serpent. We must instruct others carefully and prayerfully, neither adding nor subtracting one "jot or tittle" from God's Word. It is better to be "wise unto that Which Is Good, and simple concerning evil." Trust God's Word no matter the appearances. Eve trusted herself, not Truth. They knew more afterwards, but they lost God's Companionship, Paradise, and damned the human race! Was a bit of knowledge worth it? You tell me!

Faith begins when God Commands,
And it ends with lust's demands,
If we simply Truth obey,
Our darkest night will turn to Day. –CGP

"Just once" may eternally damn you and your posterity! Wives should know God's Word as well as their husbands, but properly instructing the family in righteousness is a husband's primary responsibility before God! Faith is the Difference between heaven and hell. You may give your family everything, but if you do not give them the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth, so help you God, you give them eternal death! "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" It's a rhetorical question!

"Jesus Said unto him, 'Thou Shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.'" Matthew 22:37 KJV