

2.24.20 - What If Adam Had Chosen Right?

As the title suggests, this article is mostly a mental exercise about what could have been had Adam chose differently or what might be during the millennium.

God did not micro-manage Adam. His instructions are only a few short verses in Genesis chapter two. Yes, we believe that God and Adam had tons of fellowship as they walked and talked together in the Garden, but it does not appear that much more instruction was given judging from other passages where God gave instructions, just sweet fellowship. The one rule was a test to see how Adam would choose, would he obey God or do his own will? Would he be obedient to a single command from the Father or would he fall prey to Satan's lies? We are God's children we are created for fellowship with Him, just as Adam was. We are also tools in God's hands to be used by Him to bring Him honor and glory. When I am setting up my router for a cut, I make test cuts to be sure that it is performing properly before cutting the part that I will use on my project. The analogy falls apart if you include that God knows everything, so the test is not for Him but I think God tests us to see if He can use us on a bigger challenge. Maybe the test is to increase our faith for the bigger challenge. Somehow the Garden and the single rule was to be training for Adam on how to use his free will to honor God.

Here is Genesis 3:6 with the Strongs numbers included. **Gen 3:6 And when the woman H802 saw H7200 that the tree H6086 was good H2896 for food, H3978 and that it H1931 was pleasant H8378 to the eyes, H5869 and a tree H6086 to be desired H2530 to make one wise, H7919 she took H3947 of the fruit thereof, H6529 and did eat, H398 and gave H5414 also H1571 unto her husband H376 with her; and he did eat. H398.** When Eve decided to eat of the fruit, the verse says, "**gave also unto her husband with her;**". Notice that there are no Strongs numbers for, "with her" which means they are implied by other words in the verse or added to clarify the meaning. The question is often asked, " Why did Adam allow Eve to eat the fruit if he was right beside

her?" The answer is that we do not know if he was right beside her because "with her" is added or implied and could mean he was somewhere in the garden "with her".

They both had free wills. Eve could disobey her husband and force Adam to choose his relation with God or his relation with her. Adam could disobey God and force Him to redeem His best creation. If Adam had been right beside Eve when the serpent began his conversation with her...it's very unlikely that he was right beside her, because deceit is easier one on one, but if he had been right there then scripture would have recorded that he would have joined or been part of the conversation with the serpent. But, if Adam was present and had prevented Eve from eating the fruit and had convinced her that it would not be in their best interests to eat it, then where would we be today? It is important that Eve be convinced to follow the rule. Internal rules are followed much better than imposed rules. With external/imposed rules we look for ways to break them and get away with it, which in this case puts us back with Adam choosing between Eve or God.

Again, the question we are posing here is...what if Adam and Eve had chosen to not sin, to not eat the forbidden fruit...where would that put us, what would be the end result?

Let's consider Adam and Eve and the garden first in our where-would-we-be answer. We can give a list of bad things we know happened as a result of the punishment that God laid out after the first sin, but none of this would have been known to Adam and Eve since it is not detailed before the first sin. They would have stayed in the garden naked and not ashamed, the animals would not eat each other, no one, including animals, would get old and die, no one would get sick, we would not have wars and that's just to list a few problems that came with the knowledge of good and evil. They would have kept their face to face fellowship with Jesus. They would surely have asked Him about what the serpent had said. God would probably assure them that they made

the right choice. He might tell them that the serpent was lying to them. Might tell them that anything that conflicts with what I told you is false.

Very likely if they had passed the test, God would have opened Eve's womb and she would become pregnant. After all the command to fill the earth came before the fall. Imagine the questions that might have gone with that condition. Lord, "Why is Eve's belly getting so large, she is eating like she always has?" God's answer, "She is alright, you will see. Trust me." The animals would have also been reproducing as well since the command to the animals to fill the earth came a few verses before Adam and Eve's command to be fruitful. They would not have needed to be in the garden long before the rabbits, pigs, sheep, dogs, cats, and etc would be giving birth. Since they could talk to the animals, a goat (or pick your favorite animal here) could have even explained to them what was happening.

Imagine for just a moment what the Garden of Eden would have been like. Naked in nature all of the time. Work wasn't work as it would have been enjoyable. No need to make clothing, wash clothing, store clothing in a safe place or patch clothing to avoid the long hours to make new clothing. Bathing would be an enjoyable dip in one of the streams and rivers that started in the garden, with no need to dry off afterwards. Root vegetables were probably the only thing that needed washed really well before eating. Fruit peelings were just thrown under a bush to return to the earth. No long hours cooking, no garbage cans or environmental concerns. No food restrictions or diets for weight control.

Imagine caring for a baby where you did not need to worry about insects, sickness, rashes, snakes, wild animals, baby clothing, baby formula, doctor bills or school bills. Not sure how the diaper problem would have been solved. If bedding was easy to find, you would make a new bed each time the old one got messed. If Adam or Eve came up with sewing fig leaves together, they may have been able to make disposable diapers which would easily decompose into plant food. As

with fruit peelings, throw them under a bush and forget them. Just don't use the same bush all the time as it might get stinky.

Certainly, the growth rate of the first child would have been a topic of conversation. Most of the animals reached maturity in a year or two. I can imagine the goat from above asking, "How long will it take for that child of yours to start walking? My kids can walk on their own a few hours after they are born." Depending on how long Adam and Eve lived before they had their first child, Eve may have known three or more generations of the first animals like the goat we are using for example.

As a society started to be built God would have needed to add rules to the forbidden fruit, if Adam did not eat it, as described in Genesis 3. Children would need to be trained to keep an orderly "home/camp", how to care for the garden and why the forbidden fruit was not to be eaten. Adam and Eve could decide many of the rules, but God would direct some of the areas. God's goal was to develop the "mind of Christ" in Adam and Eve and their children.

It is hard to imagine what life would have been like before we had a sin nature. It is not a sin to disagree on how to do something, or what to call something, or a favorite food, or when to go to bed, or when to get up and etc. Sin comes in when there is only one toy, tool, or whatever and some sharing plan can't be worked out. Some how these things would have been worked out without a fight or hurt feelings.

Privacy would be an issue for us, but not for them. They knew no other way, because there was no need for a roof and no need for walls. There was no rain and the trees provided shade. The temperatures would stay on the warm to hot side which means you would need all the air flow possible to stay cool. Walls would restrict the air flow. Privacy allows us to hide what we want to do that may not be approved by the group and without a sin nature there would be no need for that. Again, imagine a world without a sin nature...it would be amazing!

As Adam and Eve's family grew, would God need to give new rules about getting along with each other or would they even be necessary with no sin nature. It is hard to be sure which rules in place today would have been needed because of our sin nature and which ones would be needed without the sin nature. You'd think that marriage would have needed rules. Like one man and one woman for life. Since Adam and Eve had no choice. It would be awesome to have Jesus perform the wedding ceremonies. The Garden would need to be expanded as the family grew or colonies outside the Garden would need to be started.

As populations expanded and with no one dying, cities would begin to pop up just as it is today. It's possible that technologies would have been developed to make jobs more efficient and crops bigger, etc.

Imagine today's world now, but with no inherent sin nature. Everyone would still be living their everyday life without clothes, with the perfect environmental conditions, with no rain, where work was enjoyable. Where everyone treated one another right. Sounds like paradise doesn't it?

We believe that world or at least one very similar is coming soon. Jesus describes the millennial reign where a lion lays down with a lamb, where the snake or scorpion doesn't bite or sting, where a child leads what we would consider a dangerous animal. We believe that we go back to a very Garden of Eden life at that point, that Jesus reclaims the deed book to earth and makes everything as it was at the beginning. We believe that one day soon, we could very well be living in an advanced society, with a large population, but with the conditions of the Garden of Eden naked and not ashamed, where work is enjoyable and where sin and the curse do not reign in our lives. We believe that we should begin practicing now so that it's not such a shock when we get there!