

## PROTECTING ADAM AND EVE FROM THE COMMENTARIES

Let's take a look at what can be learned by comparing Scripture with Scripture and then applying the context and harmony rules. Looking first at Adam's and Eve's responses to the Lord's questions, gives the reader the correct reasoning involved in making a logical judgment on the basis of the context. Also, there is another text which adds additional information that is critical to reaching the correct conclusion. Take a look!

The Lord's questions to Adam:

Gen 3:11 And the Lord said, Who told thee [Adam] that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Now, according to the context was Adam lying or was he simply stating the facts as the event occurred? There is no indication from the Lord's response that Adam was not being truthful. The context also indicates that Adam had no idea that what he was eating was the forbidden fruit. This fact is confirmed in the 1 Timothy text. Therefore, Adam did not rebel against God nor did he "pass the buck" to Eve. Never the less, he did eat the fruit and was found guilty of breaking God's commandment. All the contrary statements you may read in the commentaries are pure speculation and it has no support from Scripture.

Adam's situation may be compared to someone giving you a gun, whom you highly trust, and he tells you that is not loaded and you fire it at him and he is killed. You didn't have a clue that the gun was loaded, but you are guilty of murder because you shot him. You could have checked the weapon yourself to see if it was loaded, but because you had no reason to doubt your friend, you didn't. Likewise, Adam simply took the fruit and ate it together with Eve, because he had no reason to doubt that Eve was deceived by Satan and was serving him the forbidden fruit.

The Lord's question to Eve:

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

According to Eve's answer was she lying or telling the truth? She was telling the truth. She also confirmed that Adam was telling the truth. Eve confessed to being deceived by Satan in thinking that if she got the fruit and gave it to Adam, she would teach him something wonderful that he did not know about the fruit that she had learned firsthand from someone who knew more about the fruit than he did. This is the reason that from that time forth a woman was to be subject to her husband and was forbidden to teach or usurp authority over him.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

1Tim 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.