

Women in the
Bible:
Eve and me

“Your word is lamp
for my feet and a
light for my path.”

Psalms 119:105

Beauty, Pain and Hope



Introduction

It is quite impossible for us to imagine the beauty and perfection Eve had, coming out of God's hands. When she was brought to Adam, his heart was drawn to her. God gave them the dominion over His creation and to Eve a special ability to be a mother. Adam and Eve shared the responsibility for their environment and everything in it, which they could call their home: until one day everything changed forever.



Discover

- Her value and calling
- Her weakness and loss
- Redemption and new hope



Going Deeper

Man – male and female – was the final act of God's creation. What is so special about man based on Creation story? (Genesis 1:27; 2:7; 5:1 - 2)

What was God's calling for Adam and Eve? (Genesis 1:28; 3:20)

How would you describe Eve's home? (Genesis 2:8 – 15)



Going Deeper

How would you describe the bond between Adam and Eve? (Genesis 2:18 – 25)

What kind of test did Eve have in her life and how did she do? (Genesis 2:16 - 17; 3:1 – 7)

What were the immediate results for Eve of not trusting God's word? (Genesis 3:7 – 13. 16. 22 - 24)



Going Deeper

What must have been one of the brightest moments Eve's life after losing her original home? (Genesis 4:1 – 2)

What must have been one of the saddest and darkest moment Eve's life after the Fall? (Genesis 4:8)

What gave Eve hope for the redemption and better future? (Genesis 3:15; 4:25)



Words for Today



Reading Eve's life story, we can see a beautiful beginning, love and affection, and perfect communication, but we can see also doubts, a moment of weakness, mistrust and divisions. We can see heartache and despair, yet also renewed joy and hope. In many ways it is a story of each of us. Where in this story can you find yourself today? What is your biggest hope?

Words for Today

For Eve, probably the promise of God that she kept repeating even in the darkest moments, found in Genesis 3:15. What are some of your special promises that have helped you through the darkest moments of your life?



Questions for Discussion

How can we learn to trust God more in all our life situations and remain faithful to Him?



Words of Wisdom



Eve's life story teaches us about God's love and justice. God's law is His character, this cannot be changed: however, He has given every person the freedom of choice, since love cannot be forced, and God is Love. Even when we are not faithful to Him, He remains faithful. He has good plans for our life, and if we sometimes mess up, He knows the way forward. If we are willing to trust Him, He will fulfil His promises in us and through us. Just as it was in Eve's life – eventually she became an ancestor of Jesus – the Saviour of the world.

My Prayer for Today

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you that I am so fearfully and wonderfully made! Thank you for your loving kindness! Thank you that I can always trust you! You know me through and through; I cannot hide anything from you. It is comforting to know that when I have been hiding from you, you have come looking for me, calling my name, covering my shame with your righteousness, giving me hope and a future again. Help me to stay faithful to you. Help me rest in your mercy and grace. Amen.

Sharing

It can happen that we are quick to judge Eve for the mistakes she made without realising that often we make similar wrong choices – fail to trust God, thinking that we know better what is good for us, and when bad results happen, tending to blame others or even God for this. We all have a fallen nature. But we also have the hope Eve had. We know that one day, very soon Jesus will come: not as a little baby anymore, but as the King of Kings. Let us hold on to this hope. Let it carry us through tough times in life. Let us praise God for the promise. He is faithful.