

The Price Of Forbidden Fruit

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“And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise and she took of its fruit and ate. And she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” (Genesis / Bereshith 3:6)

Characteristics Of The Fruit

“And the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made, and he said to the woman, “Is it true that Elohim has said, ‘Do not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We are to eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim has said, ‘Do not eat of it, nor touch it, lest you die.’”

And the serpent said to the woman, “You shall certainly not die. For Elohim knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes shall be opened and you shall be like Elohim, knowing good and evil.”

Eve knew the law, she had just recited it to the serpent. She knew what was expected of her and yet she still fell into temptation. The three main characteristics that drew her into sin were the following:

- It was attractive.
- It gave wisdom (knowledge).
- It satisfied the appetite.

Temporary Gratification & satan’s Primary Purpose

Forbidden fruit will bring satisfaction, but only for a fleeting moment. Conviction follows soon after the fall and most often the remorse experienced afterward is much greater than the fleeting joy felt during the self-indulgence. With this in mind we are reminded of satan’s primary purpose - deception.

(The First Book of Adam & Eve Ch. 29)

BUT when the merciful Yahweh saw that Satan wished to kill Adam with his manifold devices, and saw that Adam was meek and without guile, Yahweh spake unto satan in a loud voice, and cursed him.

2 Then he and his hosts fled, and Adam and Eve remained standing on the top of the mountain, whence they saw below them the wide world, high above which they were. But they saw none of the host which none were by them.

3 They wept, both Adam and Eve, before Yahweh, and begged for forgiveness of Him.

4 Then came the Word from Yahweh to Adam, and said unto him, "**Know thou and understand concerning this Satan, that he seeks to deceive you and thy seed after you.**"

5 And Adam wept before the Elohim Yahweh, and begged and entreated Him to give him something from the garden, as a token to him, wherein to be comforted.

6 And Yahweh looked upon Adam's thought, and sent the angel Michael as far as the sea that reaches unto India, to take from thence golden rods and bring them to Adam.

7 This did Yahweh in His wisdom, in order that these golden rods, being with Adam in the cave, should shine forth with light in the night around him, and put an end to his fear of the darkness.

8 Then the angel Michael went down by Yahweh's order, took golden rods, as Yahweh had commanded him, and brought them to Yahweh.

The High Price of Forbidden Fruit ~ Original Sin

Sin will take you farther then you've ever wanted to go, it will cost you more than you've ever wanted to pay, it will keep you longer than you've ever wanted to stay.

Think back to that one stupid decision you made that cost you more than you were ever willing to pay. How is that decision affecting your life today? What type of fruit has it brought forth? Do you find that in spite of the sin, Yahweh has blessed you through the experience?

Think about the original sin. Adam and Eve's decision effect us today - their punishment still stands, women still have pain in childbirth, men still have to fight weeds in order to till the ground for food. We are still suffering from something that happened nearly 6,000 years ago. What else did they lose and why should we desire to know? What our original parents lost, we lost. Through Yahshua's resurrection we have gained back *some* of what we lost. When He returns, ALL of what we lost will be restored. Let's take a closer look at the cost of this fruit.

BEFORE SIN	AFTER SIN
<p>Humans had a “bright nature”.</p>	<p>The First Book of Adam & Eve Chapter 2</p> <p>BUT when our father Adam, and Eve, went out of the garden, they trod the ground on their feet, not knowing they were treading.</p> <p>2 And when they came to the opening of the gate of the garden, and saw the broad earth spread before them, covered with stones large and small, and with sand, they feared and trembled, and fell on their faces, from the fear that came upon them; and they were as dead.</p> <p>3 Because--whereas they had hitherto been in the garden-land, beautifully planted with all manner of trees--they now saw themselves, in a strange land, which they knew not, and had never seen.</p> <p>4 And because at that time they were filled with the grace of a bright nature, and they had not hearts turned towards earthly things.</p> <p>5 Therefore had Yahweh pity on them; and when He saw them fallen before the gate of the garden, He sent His Word unto father Adam and Eve, and raised them from their fallen state.</p> <p>Chapter 8</p> <p>THEN Adam wept and said, "O Yahweh, when we dwelt in the garden, and our hearts were lifted up, we saw the angels that sang praises in heaven, but now we do not see as we were used to do; nay, when we entered the cave, all creation became hidden from us."</p> <p>2 Then Yahweh the Elohim said unto Adam, "When thou was under subjection to Me, thou had a bright nature within you, and for that reason couldst thou see things afar off. But after thy transgression thy bright nature was withdrawn from you; and it was not left to you to see things afar off, but only near at hand; after the ability of the flesh; for it is brutish."</p> <p>3 When Adam and Eve had heard these words from Yahweh, they went their way; praising and worshipping Him with a sorrowful heart.</p> <p>4 And Yahweh ceased to commune with them.</p>

We did not need
water.

Chapter 10

THEN Yahweh, merciful and gracious, looked upon them thus lying in the water, and nigh unto death, and sent an angel, who brought them out of the water, and laid them on the seashore as dead.

2 Then the angel went up to Yahweh, was welcome, and said, "O Yahweh, Thy creatures have breathed their last."

3 Then Yahweh sent His Word unto Adam and Eve, who raised them from their death.

4 And Adam said, after he was raised, "O Yahweh, while we were in the garden we did not require, or care for this water; but since we came to this land we cannot do without it."

5 Then Yahweh said to Adam, "While thou was under My command and was a bright angel, thou knew not this water.

6 "But after that thou hast transgressed My commandment, thou canst not do without water, wherein to wash thy body and make it grow; for it is now like that of beasts, and is in want of water."

7 When Adam and Eve heard these words from Yahweh, they wept a bitter cry; and Adam entreated Yahweh to let him return into the garden, and look at it a second time.

8 But Yahweh said unto Adam, "I have made you a promise; when that promise is fulfilled, I will bring you back into the garden, you and thy righteous seed."

9 And Yahweh ceased to commune with Adam.

We did not see
or know
darkness.

Chapter 13

THEN when Yahweh, who is merciful and full of pity, heard Adam's voice, He said unto him:--

2 "O Adam, so long as the good angel was obedient to Me, a bright light rested on him and on his hosts.

3 "But when he transgressed My commandment, I deprived him of that bright nature, and he became dark.

4 "And when he was in the heavens, in the realms of light, he knew naught of darkness.

5 "But he transgressed, and I made him fall from heaven upon the earth; and it was this darkness that came upon him.

6 "And on you, O Adam, while in My garden and obedient to Me, did that bright light rest also.

7 "But when I heard of thy transgression, I deprived you of that bright light. Yet, of My mercy, I did not turn you into darkness, but I made you thy body of flesh, over which I spread this skin, in order that it may bear cold and heat.

8 "If I had let My wrath fall heavily upon you, I should have destroyed you; and had I turned you into darkness, it would have been as if I killed you.

9 "But in My mercy, I have made you as thou art; when thou didst transgress My commandment, O Adam, I drove you from the garden, and made you come forth into this land; and commanded you to dwell in this cave; and darkness came upon you, as it did upon him who transgressed My commandment.

10 "Thus, O Adam, has this night deceived you. It is not to last for ever; but is only of twelve hours; when it is over, daylight will return.

11 "Sigh not, therefore, neither be moved; and say not in thy heart that this darkness is long and drags on wearily; and say not in thy heart that I plague you with it.

12 "Strengthen thy heart, and be not afraid. This darkness is not a punishment. But, O Adam, I have made the day, and have placed the sun in it to give light; in order that thou and thy children should do your work.

13 "For I knew thou should sin and transgress, and come out into this land. Yet would I not force you, nor be heard upon you, nor shut up; nor doom you through

The serpent was the most attractive animal and ate the best foods.

Chapter 17

THEN Adam and Eve came out at the mouth of the cave, and went towards the garden.

2 But as they drew near to it, before the western gate, from which Satan came when he deceived Adam and Eve, they found the serpent that became Satan coming at the gate, and sorrowfully licking the dust, and wriggling on its breast on the ground, by reason of the curse that fell upon it from Yahweh.

3 And whereas aforetime the serpent was the most exalted of all beasts, now it was changed and become slippery, and the meanest of them all, and it crept on its breast and went on its belly.

4 And whereas it was the fairest of all beasts, it had been changed, and was become the ugliest of them all. Instead of feeding on the best food, now it turned to eat the dust. Instead of dwelling, as before, in the best places, now it lived in the dust.

5 And, whereas it had been the most beautiful of all beasts, all of which stood dumb at its beauty, it was now abhorred of them.

6 And, again, whereas it dwelt in one beautiful abode, to which all other animals came from elsewhere; and where it drank, they drank also of the same; now, after it had become venomous, by reason of Yahweh's curse, all beasts fled from its abode, and would not drink of the water it drank; but fled from it.

We did not know heat nor fear.

Chapter 22

THEN Adam said to Yahweh, "I wither in the heat; I am faint from walking, and am loth of this world. And I know not when Thou wilt bring me out of it, to rest."

2 Then the Elohim Yahweh said unto him, "O Adam, it cannot be at present, not until thou hast ended thy days. Then shall I bring you out of this wretched land."

3 And Adam said to Yahweh, "While I was in the garden I knew neither heat, nor languor, neither moving about, nor trembling, nor fear; but now since I came to this land, all this affliction has come upon me."

4 Then Yahweh said to Adam, "So long as thou was keeping My commandment, My light and My grace rested on you. But when thou did transgress My commandment, sorrow and misery befell you in this land."

5 And Adam wept and said, "O Elohim, do not cut me off for this, neither smite me with heavy plagues, nor yet repay me according to my sin; For we, of our own will, did transgress Thy commandment, and forsook Thy law, and sought to become gods like unto You, when Satan the enemy deceived us."

6 Then Yahweh said again unto Adam, "Because thou hast borne fear and trembling in this land, languor and suffering treading and walking about, going upon this mountain, and dying from it, I will take all this upon Myself in order to save you."

We did not know hunger or thirst.

Chapter 40

THEN the Word of God came to Adam, and said unto him, "O, Adam, why had thou not this dread, neither this fasting, nor this care ere this? And why had thou not this fear before thou did transgress?"

2 "But when thou came to dwell in this strange land, thy animal body could not be on earth without earthly food, to strengthen it and to restore its powers."

3 And Yahweh withdrew His Word from Adam.

Chapter 41

THEN Adam took the fig, and laid it on the golden rods. Eve also took her fig, and put it upon the incense.

2 And the weight of each fig was that of a water-melon; for the fruit of the garden was much larger than the fruit of this land.

3 But Adam and Eve remained standing and fasting the whole of that night, until the morning dawned.

4 When the sun rose they were at their prayers, and Adam said to Eve, after they had done praying:--

5 "O Eve, come, let us go to the border of the garden looking south; to the place whence the river flows, and is parted into four heads. There we will pray to Yahweh, and ask Him to give us to drink of the Water of Life.

6 "For Yahweh has not fed us with the Tree of Life, in order that we may not live. We will, therefore, ask him to give us of the Water of Life, and to quench our thirst with it, rather than with a drink of water of this land."

7 When Eve heard these words from Adam, she agreed; and they both arose and came to the southern border of the garden, upon the brink of the river of water at some little distance from the garden.

8 And they stood and prayed before the Elohim, and asked Him to look upon them this once, to forgive them, and to grant them their request.

9 After this prayer from both of them, Adam began to pray with his voice before Yahweh, and said:--

10 "O Elohim, when I was in the garden and saw the water that flowed from under the Tree of Life, my heart did not desire, neither did my body require to drink of it; neither did I know thirst, for I was living; and above that which I am

Did not have digestive organs.

Chapter 55

AND when it was day, they rose and prayed, after their custom, and then went out of the cave.

2 But as they felt great trouble from the food they had eaten, and to which they were not used, they went about in the cave saying to each other:--

3 "What has happened to us through eating, that this pain should have come upon us? Woe be to us, we shall die! Better for us to have died than to have eaten; and to have kept our bodies pure, than to have defiled them with food."

4 Then Adam said to Eve, "This pain did not come to us in the garden, neither did we eat such bad food there. Do you think. O Eve, that Yahweh will plague us through the food that is in us, or that our inwards will come out; or that Yahweh means to kill us with this pain before He has fulfilled His promise to us?"

5 Then Adam besought the Elohim and said, "O Elohim, let us not perish through the food we have eaten. O Elohim, smite us not; but deal with us according to Thy great mercy, and forsake us not until the day of the promise Thou hast made us."

6 Then Yahweh looked upon them, and at once fitted them for eating food; as unto this day; so that they should not perish.

7 Then Adam and Eve came back into the cave sorrowful and weeping because of the alteration in their nature. And they both knew from that hour that they were altered beings, that their hope of returning to the garden was now cut off; and that they could not enter it.

8 For that now their bodies had strange functions; and all flesh that requires food and drink for its existence, cannot be in the garden.

9 Then Adam said to Eve, "Behold, our hope is now cut off; and so is our trust to enter the garden. We no longer belong to the inhabitants of the garden; but henceforth we are earthy and of the dust, and of the inhabitants of the earth, We shall not return to the garden, until the day in which Yahweh has promised to save us, and to bring us again into the garden, as He promised us."

10 Then they prayed to Yahweh that He would have mercy on them; after which, their mind was quieted, their hearts were broken, and their longing was cooled down; and they were like strangers on earth. That night Adam and Eve spent in the cave, where they slept heavily by reason of the food they had eaten.

Had fellowship
with the angels.

Chapter 46

THEN came the Word of Yahweh to Adam, and said unto him:--

2 "O Adam, look at that garden of joy and at this earth of toil, and behold the angels who are in the garden-that is full of them, and see thyself alone on this earth, with Satan whom thou did obey.

3 "Yet, if thou had submitted, and been obedient to Me, and had kept My Word, thou wouldst be with My angels in My garden.

4 "But when thou did transgress and hearken to Satan, thou did become his guest among his angels, that are full of wickedness; and thou came to this earth, that brings forth to you thorns and thistles.

5 "O Adam, ask him who deceived you, to give you the divine nature he promised you, or to make you a garden as I had made for you; or to fill you with that same bright nature with which I had filled you.

6 "Ask him to make you a body like the one I made you, or to give you a day of rest as I gave you; or to create within you a reasonable soul, as I did create for you; or to remove you hence to some other earth than this one which I gave you. But, O Adam, he will not fulfil even one of the things he told you.

7 "Acknowledge, then, My favor towards you, and My mercy on you, My creature; that I have not requited you for thy transgression against Me, but in My pity for you I have promised you that at the end of the great five days and a half I will come and save you."

8 Then Yahweh said again to Adam and Eve, "Arise, go down hence, lest the cherub with a sword of fire in his hand destroy you."

9 But Adam's heart was comforted by Yahweh's words to him, and he worshipped before Him.

10 And Yahweh commanded His angels to escort Adam and Eve to the cave with joy, instead of the fear that had come upon them.

11 Then the angels took up Adam and Eve, and brought them down from the mountain by the garden, with songs and psalms, until they brought them to the cave. There the angels began to comfort and to strengthen them, and then departed from them towards heaven, to their Creator, who had sent them.

12 But, after the angels were gone from Adam and Eve, came Satan, with shamefacedness, and stood at the entrance of the cave in which were Adam and

Fruit In Our Lives

What forbidden fruit bites have you partaken of lately? How long did the gratification last? What can you learn from the experience? As we examine how we've indulged our temptations in our own lives, let us remember the extraordinary high price of sin and how it affects many, many, people.

Loss of life, loss of a comfortable home, loss of intimate fellowship with Yahweh, complete body change, etc, all of these consequences were a direct result of Adam and Eve breaking Yahweh's commandment by enjoying a piece of forbidden fruit. It seems ridiculous on the surface, but it is a somber reminder of the high price of forbidden pleasures. Keep in mind that even after they were forgiven, they still had to suffer through the consequences. They were not forgiven and instantly allowed to return to the garden. Yahweh told them it would take 5,500 years for Him to repair what they had done. Examining what Adam and Eve lost through sin help us to understand what we've gained and what we have yet to gain through Yahshua. Consecration is a long, and sometimes rocky road, but its rewards are eternal.

Examining Our Inner Motives

When our personal goals produce rotten fruit we need to step back and reflect on the Spirit behind our actions.

And I say: Walk in the Spirit and you shall not accomplish the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are opposed to each other, so that you do not do what you desire to do. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under Torah.

And the works of the flesh are well known, which are these: adultery, whoring, uncleanness, indecency, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy, murders, drunkenness, wild parties, and the like - of which I forewarn you, even as I also said before, that those who practice such as these shall not inherit the reign of Elohim. (Galatians 5:16-21)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness, self control. Against such, there is no Torah. And those who are of the Messiah have impaled the flesh with its passions and the desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-25)