

Don't Look Now But Your Bliss Is Showing

Topic: Adam and Eve — Blissful Through Problems

Scripture: Genesis 2:18-25

Memory Verse: Genesis 2:23

Lesson 1

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INTRODUCTION: In order to understand how to have a happy marriage, we must take a look at the first couple to ever have a successful marriage. This would be the marriage of *Adam and Eve*. Adam lived to be 930 years old (Genesis 5:5), and if Eve lived anywhere near as long as Adam, that would mean that their marriage could have lasted well over 900 years. A couple that successfully stayed married for that many years can definitely teach us something about marriage. However, though their's would be one of the longest marriages on record, it was not an easy marriage. Adam and Eve found a way to stay **BLISSFUL THROUGH PROBLEMS**.

I IT WAS A MARRIAGE BLESSED BY THE LORD

Genesis 5:2-"*Male and female created He them; and blessed them. . .*"

- A. Adam and Eve honeymooned in paradise
They were the only couple to ever live together "**in a perfect world**" undisturbed by sin. As most honeymooners, they only had eyes for each other. Eve was definitely the right woman for Adam.
- B. Adam and Eve walked with God in the early days of their marriage
Genesis 3:8-"*. . .they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden. . .*"
Every newly married couple should learn to walk with God in the early days of their life together. Success in marriage is hard enough with the Lord's help. . .it is impossible without His help.
- C. Adam and Eve had the perfect marriage
Genesis 5:2-"*. . .and called their name Adam. . .*"
 - 1. God was first place in their lives
 - 2. They had peace in their home
 - 3. They had no criticizing relatives
 - 4. They had no discouraging friends
 - 5. They had no worldly influences
 - 6. They could depend upon each other

II IT WAS A MARRIAGE ATTACKED BY THE DEVIL

Genesis 3:1-"*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast. . .*"

- A. The devil tries to exploit a weakness in every marriage
 God had given the command forbidding man to eat of *"the tree of the knowledge of good and evil"* to Adam before Eve was ever created. (Genesis 2:16-17) It was Adam's duty to instruct his wife, when she was given to him, in the ways of the Lord. Adam must have done his duty for Eve knew God's command forbidding her to eat of that one tree. Genesis 3:3-"*...God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it. . .*" Eve's sweet innocence was no match for the conniving tactics of the devil. She yielded to the temptation and ate the forbidden fruit. Satan had found Adam's one weakness. His great love for Eve, and the thought of her dying without him caused Adam to eat of the forbidden fruit also. Genesis 3:6- "*...she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat. . .*"
- B. The devil still attacks every marriage looking for a weakness
 He can attack a marriage through many devices:
1. Finances
 2. Sex
 3. Children
 4. Work
 5. Relatives
 6. Friends
 7. Unfaithfulness
 8. Lust
 9. Alcohol
 10. Drugs
- II Corinthians 2:11-"*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*" Do not be surprised if Satan launches an all-out attack on your marriage. He can attack at any time and in any place. Satan even goes to church, and he has to ride with somebody. Every husband and wife must be on guard. I Peter 5:8-"*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*"

III IT WAS A MARRIAGE HURT BY SIN

Genesis 3:11-"*...Hast thou eaten of the tree. . .*"

- A. When sin enters into a marriage everyone wants to blame someone else
1. Adam shifted the blame to Eve - Genesis 3:12-"*...The woman. . .she gave me of the tree. . .*"
 2. Eve shifted the blame to the serpent - Genesis 3:13-"*...The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*"
 3. Adam even tried to shift some of the blame to God -
 Genesis 3:12-"*...The woman whom thou gavest to be with me. . .*"
- The truth of the matter is that if there is sin in your marriage then **YOU** are to blame.

- B. Sin began to bring hurt into Adam and Eve's marriage
1. Sin brings about sorrow - Genesis 3:16-". . .*in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children. . .*"
 2. Sin brings about subjection - Genesis 3:16-". . .*thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*" — God did not make Eve out of Adam's head to be over him, nor out of his heel to be stepped on by him. But God made Eve out of Adam's rib to be equal with him, from under his arm to be protected by him and near his heart to be loved. A wife will have no problem submitting to a husband who loves her "*as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.*" (Ephesians 5:25)
 3. Sin brings about sweat - Genesis 3:17-19-". . .*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread. . .*"
 4. Sin brings about separation - Genesis 3:24-"*So he drove out the man. . .*"
 5. Sin brings about spitefulness - Genesis 4:1-8-". . .*Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*"

IV IT WAS A MARRIAGE VICTORIOUS BY FAITH

Genesis 3:20-"*And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*"

EVE-"*life-giver*"

Adam called his wife "*the mother of all living*" even though at that particular moment she had not yet given birth to any children.

- A. By faith Adam and Eve looked forward to the future and did not dwell upon the past. Adam and Eve allowed sin to, temporarily, destroy the fellowship they had with one another AND with God. However, once the matter was settled, and forgiveness was given, they left the past behind and looked forward to their future.
- B. By faith Adam and Eve faced their future problems together sharing the joys and the sorrows
1. The birth of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-2) — JOY
 2. The murder of Abel (Genesis 4:8) — SORROW
 3. The exile of Cain (Genesis 4:9-15) — SORROW
 4. The agony of an unsaved son (Genesis 4:16) — SORROW
 5. The birth of Seth (Genesis 4:25-26) — JOY
 6. The birth of more sons and daughters (Genesis 5:4) — JOY
- *According to Jewish traditions, Adam and Eve gave birth to 150 sons and countless daughters — JOY. . .JOY. . .JOY?

TEACHERS' TIP: MEN DO NOT FAIL, THEY SIMPLY QUIT TRYING.

NEXT MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 7:7

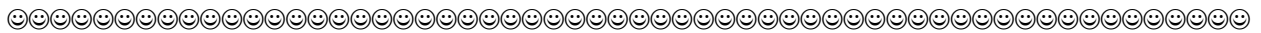
Bliss Activity

List 7 joys you have experienced in your marriage:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____



♥At least one time this week, have a special devotion and prayer time with your spouse.♥



The devil will try to attack your marriage through at least 10 ways (listed in the lesson) - 7 of these are hidden in the word search below. Find them and be aware of the devil's attacks.

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- ALCOHOL(8,1,SW)
- CHILDREN(12,4,S)
- FINANCES(1,1,SE)
- FRIENDS(9,15,W)
- RELATIVES(6,12,E)
- UNFAITHFULNESS(1,14,NE)
- WORK(6,4,NW)