

Sunday, November 26, 2017—A Heart of Thanksgiving Revisited, Part 2 (The Example of Eve)

*In 2013 Pastor Ross preached a series of messages titled "A Heart of Thanksgiving." This one-hour study is a reprisal and summation of some of content presented in that series. Here are the notes from the original teaching.*

### **The Example of Eve**

- Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17, 25—Adam and Eve are placed in the Garden of Eden with the charge of dressing and keeping the garden. Nothing is off limits to them except eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They enjoy perfect and unbroken fellowship with each other and God.
- Genesis 3:1—Satan comes and subtly questions God’s word.
- Genesis 3:2—Eve takes the bait and engages Satan in conversation about what God said. Eve subtracts from God’s word by leaving off the “freely” (Gen. 3:16).
- Genesis 3:3—Eve adds to the word of God. God never said anything about not touching it (Gen. 3:17).
- Genesis 3:4—Satan flat out denies what God plainly said (Gen. 3:17).
- Genesis 3:5—Satan sows the seeds of doubt causing Eve to think that God was holding out on her. That there was more to be known. That God was not good and was purposely holding back and keeping knowledge from her.
- Genesis 3:6-7—Eve’s problem is the same as the folks we studied in Genesis 1 she was unsatisfied with the knowledge of God she presently possessed and tricked into thinking there was more. Eve was fundamentally unthankful and ungrateful for what God had given her.
- “Adam and Eve are, simply, painfully, ungrateful for what God gave. . . Our fall was, has always been, and always will be, that we aren’t satisfied in God and what He gives. We hunger for something more, something other . . . in the beginning, our eyes were already open. Our sight was perfect. Our vision let us see a world spilling with goodness. Our eyes fell on nothing but the glory of God. We saw God as he truly is: good. But we were lured by the deception that there was more to a full life, there was more to see. And, true, there was more to see: the ugliness we hadn’t beheld the sinfulness we hadn’t witnessed, the loss we hadn’t known. We eat. And, in an instant, we are blind. No longer do we see God as one we can trust. No longer do we perceive Him as wholly good.” (Voskamp, 15)
- Genesis 3:8-13—conflict, strife, and religion immediately enters into the picture. The allure of something more something greater leads to a life anguish and pain (Gen. 3:16-19).
- I Thessalonians 5:18—Ingratitude is the seedbed of sin. We kill contentment by comparison.