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**1Co 14:26** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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Rebecca Wise and Laura Lee, our beloved spiritual families,

Thank you once again for your response and I hope you are encouraged in the service of the Lord today. Also, we are much beneficiaries of our Lord's service. All Brothers and Sisters here, send Christian greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sister Wise, I'm Mambwe Obed from Kawambwa, Trust in God Ministry it's a home church, P.O. Box 730142, Kawambwa 730000, Luapula Province Zambia. I'm not Obed Mambwe from sign language is from Lusaka and he is Government worker from Zambia National Broadcast Corporation (ZNBC) I think you are understanding what I mean. Kawambwa to Lusaka it's 1000+ Kilometers and me I am located in Kawambwa not Lusaka same Mambwe Obed sign language lived.

Therefore, Bibles in our local languages here in locally it's amount of US \$9 each OV52 version without transportation and we pick up free. Then Bibles in English KJV it's US \$8 each. We don't have PayPal here in Zambia. Zambia it's only money gram, Western Union, and World Remit. My details both these Systems as follows: Mambwe Obed, House number 102, Munkanta Road, Kawambwa, 10101

A world remit number that you want to use is appear in my names: +260978070306 Airtel line and MTN line 0766644007.

Additional by this, any articles in English we will accept. And will accurate to all brothers and sisters in our home church. You are welcome if you want to contact me again.

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I including your names and sent this email to Rebecca Wise And Laura Lee, I don't know Laura is Brother or Sister, because I saw newsletter this afternoon Sister Wise asked Laura Lee about me. Mambwe obed from Kawambwa, not Obed from ZNBC sign language. Thank you so much and we are waiting to hear from you again. If there any something to say please you're free to contact me.

With lots of Christian love,  
Mambwe obed

**Editor's Note:**

**Both Rebecca Wise and Laura Lee are women so we would be your sisters. Some of this letter may not have been translated correctly so I hope everyone can understand it. Later I received this one below. Laura Lee**

From Mambwe Obed (Kawambwa, Zambia)

[To avoid any confusion], I am not Obed Mambwe from Lusaka who does sign language. He is a Government worker from Zambia National Broadcast corporation (ZNBC). [Also our names are in different order].

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I'm Mambwe obed hold a copy of Bible and wearing a white jacket.

Another picture: is our believers there in Kawambwa home church. This Sabbath today. Thank you!

Mambwe obed

**Response:**

**Thank you for sharing these pictures with us. Please remember that after July 1, 2025, we will no longer print anything that is less than 50 words. Laura Lee**

## **Impeach Judges Who Use “Due Process” to License Crimes in Process!**

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### **“DUE PROCESS” LICENSE CRIMES IN PROCESS! IMPEACH THE JUDGES**

**DUE PROCESS: CONCEPT ENSURE FAIR TREATMENT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO DEPRIVE INDIVIDUALS OF LIFE, LIBERTY, OR PROPERTY.” GOVERNMENT DEMOCRATIC PARTY JUDGES DID JUST THAT WITH NO “DUE PROCESS.” THEY DEPRIVED JANUARY 6 AMERICANS OF “LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY” BECAUSE THEY WERE REPUBLICANS. IN THE DARK MINDS OF MEDIA-DEVILS AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY JUDGES – ONLY DEMOCRATS ARE FREE TO DEMONSTRATE! AND WHEN DEMOCRATS RIOT MEDIA-DEVILS APPLAUD.**

**“DUE PROCESS CONCEPTS WERE DEVISED BY HISTORICAL FIGURES SUCH AS KING JOHN OF ENGLAND. AND THE DRAFTERS OF THE MAGNA CARTA.” TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT FROM GOVERNMENT.**

**TO USE “DUE PROCESS” FOR KNOWN CRIMINALS AND CRIMES IN PROCESS IS CRIMINAL! THE “DUE PROCESS” ORIGINAL MOTIVE CONCEPT WAS NOT INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE AND LICENSE CRIMINALS AS DEMOCRATIC PARTY JUDICIAL SNAKES DO. OR PROHIBIT PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM STOPPING USAID BUREAUCRATIC CRIMES IN PROCESS. OR ILLEGAL ALIEN INVADING AMERICA FROM BEING DEPORTED.**

**WHY DO DEMOCRATIC PARTY FEDERAL JUDGES AND DEMOCRAT SUPREME COURT JUDGES HAVE SUCH AN AFFINITY FOR CRIMINALS AND THIEVING BUREAUCRATS? BUREAUCRATIC THIEVES WHO ARE ALSO DELIGHTED TO ROB TAXPAYERS AND PAY OFF MUSLIM TERRORIST.**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY “I AM THE JUDGE” ARROGANCE: WHAT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA IS IRRELEVANT, WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS ALL THAT MATTERS. AND THAT IS SEEK EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY CRIMINALS AS VICTIMS, PRESIDENT TRUMP, AND REPUBLICANS AS CRIMINALS!**

**PRESIDENTIAL CONTEMPT: DEMOCRATIC PARTY JUDGES HAVE “CONTEMPT” FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP’S PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY. AND ARE DETERMINED TO SEIZE THAT AUTHORITY THEMSELVES. WHY NOT, THE SUPREME COURT PLAYS DUMB, TO UPHOLD THE ARROGANT “HONOR OF THE JUDICIARY.” JUDGES “PRESIDENTIAL CONTEMPT” IS ALSO CONTEMPT FOR DEMOCRACY AND ALL THE AMERICANS WHO ELECTED PRESIDENT TRUMP! GANGSTER ARROGANT JUDGES: IMPEACH JUDGES UNCONSTITUTIONALLY SEIZING PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY TO THEMSELVES!**

**DEVILS USE “DUE PROCESS” TO MAKE UP A PLETHORA OF REGULATIONS THAT REPLACE - GUILTY OR INNOCENT. TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY JUDGES DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GUILTY OR INNOCENT. EVIL MOTIVE FOR “DUE PROCESS” ADDED REGULATIONS: SHACKLE POLICE, JUSTIFY IMPOSING GUILT ON THE INNOCENT AND PLUNDERING THEIR WEALTH, COVER UP EVIDENCE OF GUILT BECAUSE OF “DUE PROCESS.”**

**I AM THE JUDGE ARROGANCE: DEMOCRATIC PARTY JUDGES ASSUME THEY CAN MAKE THEIR OWN OPINIONS LAW? CONGRESS SHACKLED BY DEVIL-MEDIA PLAYED DUMB AND ALLOWED 5 JUDICIAL SNAKES TO RULE FALSELY “SAME SEX**

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MARRIAGE” CONSTITUTIONAL” THEREBY REWRITING OUR CONSTITUTION. CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE REMOVED THOSE JUDGES AND REVOKED THEIR RULING. FOR UNCONSTITUTIONALLY ESTABLISHING DEVIL-WORSHIP AS AMERICA STATE RELIGION: HONORING WHAT GOD DECREED EVIL IS DEVIL-WORSHIP.

GOD HAVE MERCY ON AMERICA: SHINE LIGHT AND TRUTH ON DEEP DARKNESS AND DECEPTION THAT FINDS A HOME IN THE MINDS OF MANY AMONG AMERICA’S LAWMAKERS AND JUDGES. FORWARD TO AND WAKE UP CONGRESS AND THE SUPREME COURT.

## **Passover: Atonement For Sin**

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Christian and Jews - Final Passover” that welcomes all: Matthew 4:17 “Repent for the kingdom is near.” Believe God’s Love: The Son of God Crucified paid your debt of sin.

This year Passover April 12, 2025 - is the memorial of our Lords death: Christ Jesus Crucified the final and real Passover - Salvation from sin and death. **Exodus 12: 1-16 - Verse 13** - “The blood will be a sign for you on your houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will Pass Over You.” When God’s Judgment fell on Egypt: God passed over the sins of Israel because of the blood of the Lamb. If the blood of Christ Jesus, the “Lamb slain from the creation of the world” Revelation 13:8 - is on the house that is you - through faith, God will also Passover your sins on Judgment Day. Salvation and the “kingdom of God” is the real promised land.

Passover: Israel was freed from Egyptian slave masters of their labor. America and the world is in slavery today: Most are Mind Slaves of Devil-Media, the State and many religious leaders driven by Devil-Media puppet masters of the state. Whatever evil Devil-Media honors lawmakers and judges worldwide justify in law!

The Sacrifice Given: **Crucifixion and Suffering of the Son of God, Mark 15:12 to 15:39** “Crucify him they shouted. Why what crime has he committed? Asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, crucify him! Pilate wanting to satisfy the crowd, had Jesus flogged and handed him over to them to be crucified.

The company of soldiers put a purple robe on him, and a crown of thorns. “They began to call on him “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again, and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. After they mocked him, they led him out to be crucified.” They nailed him hands and feet to the stake of a tree. The chief priest and teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. At the sixth hour darkness came over the land; at the ninth hour with a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last breath.”

**Crucifixion Predicted: Isaiah 53:1- 12** “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him. We all like sheep have gone astray, and God, laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. For the transgressions of my people, he was stricken. He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Fathers will to crush him and cause him to suffer.”

Isaiah 53: “The **Father made his Son a guilt offering**. The will of God will prosper in his hands. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life. By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.”

**Matthew 26:26-27** - Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, ‘Take eat this is my body’. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin.”

**1 Corinthians 11:23-29** - The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread - when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the - cup - saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me.” Whenever you

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eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever drinks the cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. “Examine himself.” “Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

**How to take the Passover in a worthy manner:** Christ teaches how - “Repent and believe the good news” Mark 1:15. The good news is God paid your debt of sin. True freedom is freedom from sin - Praise God.

John 6:63 Jesus Christ said “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. ***The words I have spoken to you are - spirit - and they are life.***” Faith, believing God's promise of salvation through the body and blood of “the Son of God” is spiritually “eating the body and drinking the blood” of Jesus Christ.

John 6:53-56, Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood - Remains in me and I in him.

**Days of unleavened bread** - 1 Corinthians 5:6-11: “Let us keep the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.”

John 13:1-17 Foot washing: Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple's feet, drying them with a towel. Now that I your Lord and teacher have washed your feet; you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Now that you know these things, you will be - blessed - if you do them.

**The Lesson of washing the feet of other believers:** Humility, that banishes arrogance and pride. “Consider others better than yourself.” Do not keep a record of sins; yours or others who repent. Believe, God Most High washed them away in the blood of His Wonderful Son, Christ Jesus.

Numbers 27:16 “God of the spirits of all flesh.” **Christians:** The Son of God is spiritual food that will gives life to the spirit that is you; in a new body not subject to death. John 3:6 What is “borne of the Spirit is spirit.” The physical body is a phantom that will vanish. Christ Jesus Crucified the great Light that shines today and beyond the grave. Praise God.

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**Requesting**  
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**Greetings Brethren,**

**Below is a letter composed by our orphan James. He has recently graduated from High School (and with good grades.) He is looking for help to fulfill his dream of becoming a nurse.**

**Thank You,  
Bill Goff**

"I hope this message finds you well. My name is James, and I am from Kenya, currently residing at Sengera Orphanage, where I have lived for the past nine years. Throughout this time, I have been under the care and support of Kenya Hands of Hope, led by Mr. Bill.

Kenya Hands of Hope has been immensely helpful, providing for various needs such as paying school fees for high school and primary school students, covering hospital bills, and supporting many other orphaned colleagues. However, due to their extensive commitments and resources being stretched across several initiatives, they are currently unable to support me in pursuing the next level of my education.



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I have successfully completed Level 12 schooling with commendable grades, qualifying me to advance to the next stage of my academic journey. Hence, I am reaching out to seek your kind assistance to help me continue my education. Your support will be highly appreciated and will provide me with an invaluable opportunity to build a better future.

I have desired to do nursing since it is my dream carrier since childhood and I thank God to allow me to attain the grades which now allow me to do nursing.

**One-time costs:**

- college admission cost ..\$150
- college uniform ..\$100
- 2 pairs of shoes .. \$60
- Furniture, Appliances, Basic supplies, Safety kit. e.g. first aid kit, Decor and comfort ...\$900

**TOTAL FOR ONE YEAR \$1210**

**Monthly costs: (for 4 years?)**

- Housing rent (includes utilities) ... \$300
- Food Each month ... \$250

**Total per month...\$550**

**Each Semester (SEPTEMBER & JANUARY??) Costs:**

- \$2,500 Paid up-front for first year of college. Monthly option for subsequent years.

**TOTAL. \$4260**

Where God guides, He provides. He's guided me to this path. I trust Him to provide. I know God hears my prayers. Your prayers and help are greatly appreciated. Please pass my request to others who would be interested. Thank you.



This is my picture

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Please contact Mr. Bill, who will answer questions and facilitate all donations for my nursing education. Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to your positive response.

— James Magara

**Editor’s Note:**

**If you send funds strictly for James Magara please mark it on your check or let Bill know by phone or email. Thank you, Laura Lee**

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## **Appreciation and Recommendations**

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First of all, great job on both the old and new websites. They're easy to navigate, either by searching for keywords or by clicking on authors. The parrot photo for the old, and the sheep photo for the new, are a nice touch.

Also, the editors' corrections were appropriate (and gracious) regarding the Passover confusion. Your follow-up was also scripturally based. We definitely want to avoid error and base our understanding on corrected mistranslations of the Bible rather than the thoughts or traditions of men (often based on bias, misunderstanding or personal agenda).

Thanks to the following authors for their inspiring true-life stories of miracles: Bill Glover (Eugene, OR) "Does God Heal Today?" (3-9-21); Laura Lee (Bismarck, ND) "Angel Sighting" (3-3-21); and Curtis Dahlgren (Stephenson, WI) "Wicked Spirits v. the Holy Spirit (& miracles)" (9-19-24 (old website). He recommended *Miracles and Other Wonders* by Charles Sellier. Recommendations of good books about God's amazing miracles are always much appreciated.

Miracles, Missionaries & Martyrs

Thriftbooks also recommends the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, with at least a dozen books about miracles, angelic encounters, etc. There are many other books with inspiring true-life stories about God working miracles of:

l) messages from God to us (answers to prayer or anticipated needs found in scripture, articles or books, affirmations from others, dreams or circumstances/open doors) or things God wants us to tell others (being given



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the right thing to tell others when they want to know more about God)

2) finance (money arriving in the exact amount needed at the right time without asking anyone; giving one's last dollar to someone in need then being blessed a thousandfold)

3) tools & equipment (working when it's physically impossible)

4) networking (encountering the right person/people at the right time and the right place)

5) protection (guardians visible to potential adversaries, warning/preventing accidents, protection during disasters, or rescues afterward)

6) healing (from spiritual depression, life-threatening injuries or chronic, terminal illness)

7) resurrection (back to physical life after being dead for an hour or more)

8) deliverance (tormenting spirits fleeing a person or being cast out)

Some other excellent books are *A Thousand Shall Fall* (by Susi Hasel Mundy); *God's Smuggler* and *Secret Believers* (by Brother Andrew); *God's Smuggler to China* and *Project Pearl* (by Brother David); *Eternity in their Hearts* (by Don Richardson); *Tortured for Christ* (by Richard Wurmbrand); *Hearts of Fire: Voice of the Martyrs* (by Gracia Burnham); and *Extreme Devotion* (by Voice of the Martyrs team). (Michael Wurmbrand, son of Richard, began Voice of the Martyrs. After 'wolves in sheep's clothing took it over, he began Help For Refugees. VOTM collects donations but doesn't actually help persecuted Christians, as Michael still does).

There are also many other books about angelic encounters; the life stories of missionaries; and how 'house churches' thrive under Communist oppression and persecution in eastern Europe and southeast Asia; and how converts to Christ survive despite persecution and threats, especially from Muslims, but also Hindus or Buddhists). (We already know how for centuries Catholics persecuted Protestants, although they both still teach many errors).

God holds us accountable for what we know, and even if someone doesn't (yet) understand all the truth, He respects their integrity when they stand up for the true God despite hardship, persecution, torture or even death. People like this will awaken in the 'second' resurrection, hungry and thirsty to learn more of the truth (and unlearn error). They will lead by example many others who have never heard of Christ. It will be marvelous to see the 'innumerable multitude, which no man can number' of Revelation 7:9, described in verse 14-17. Another reference is 1 Corinthians 5:23-24 the firstfruits and the end [ones]. In Revelation 21:3-4 God will dwell with men and wipe away every tear. In verse 24 the nations of those who [will be] saved shall walk in the New Jerusalem. In Revelation 22:3-4 they shall be the servants of God and the Lamb, and reign forever and ever.

**Editor's Note:**

**Thank you for your great input. It is appreciated. Laura Lee**

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Dear brethren in the Most Highest God thank you for funds that we have received \$50 and we purchased 5 copies Bibles in our local languages by \$9 each and 1 diary book \$5 for my personal use for write some issues in our home church and etc. We praise God for His wonderful works through The New church of God messenger.

Our home church here are very much appreciated to purchased Bibles this morning. After receiving funds I went to purchased Bibles without delay. See receipt as well.

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Additional by this, we look forward to your support again about Bibles in our local languages and English Bibles. May the Almighty God continue to watch over you and protect you as we labor together for salvation of precious souls! In the next week I will send some pics of people who will receive Bibles.

Shalom  
OBED MAMBWE

Ps. Share the Christian greetings to all brethren there in Jesus Christ name.

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# Three Aspects of Love in Your Marriage

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**1. Love expresses appreciation:**

There is a whole book on married love that God has included in the Bible – the Song of Solomon. Consider what the husband says to his wife here in Song of Solomon (from various verses in the Message Bible): “*You’re beautiful, my dear love, from head to toe – beautiful beyond compare and absolutely flawless. You’re as lovely as the ravishing visions of my ecstasy. Your voice is soothing, and your face is ravishing. Your beauty, within and without, is absolute, my dear friend. You’re a paradise.*” “*You’ve captured my heart. You looked at me, and I fell in love. One look my way - and I was hopelessly in love! My heart is raptured. Oh, the feelings I get when I see you and the stirrings of desire I have. I’m spoiled for anyone else!*”. “*There is no one like you on earth, there never has been, and there will never be. You are a woman beyond compare.*” And now listen to what the wife says. This is her response: “*And you, my dear lover, are so handsome!*”

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*You are one in a million. There's no one like you! You're golden – you're a rugged mountain of a man. Your words are warm and re-assuring. Your words are like kisses and your kisses are all words. Everything about you delights me. You thrill me through and through! I long for you and I want you desperately. Your absence is painful for me. When I see you, I will throw my arms around you and hold you tight. And I won't let you go. I am yours alone and you're my only lover and you're my only man.”*

*“True love does things together. Two are always better than one.”*

**2. Love is quick to forgive:**

Love is slow to blame but quick to forgive. There will be problems between husband and wife in every marriage. But if you put those problems on the back-burner, they are sure to boil over (That is, if you give those problems a LOW priority – instead of settling them immediately – then those problems will get worse). So be quick to forgive and be quick to ask for forgiveness. Don't wait until the evening to do that. If you get a thorn in your foot in the morning, you will take it out immediately. You won't wait until the evening. If you hurt your spouse, you poked him/her with a thorn - take it out immediately - ask for forgiveness immediately and be quick to forgive.

**3. Love is eager to do things together with one's partner – and not alone:**

How different the history of man would have been, if when the Devil came to tempt Eve in the garden, she had just said “Let me consult my husband first before I make a decision”. Oh, what a different story it would have been then! Remember that all the problems in the world arose because one woman made a decision on her own, when God had given her a companion whom she could have consulted, before making that decision. True love does things together. Two are always better than one (*Ecclesiastes 4:9*).

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**Article by Zac Poonen**  
**Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)**

I think it is about time we stop putting all the blame on women for sin. Both Adam and Eve sinned, but Eve was deceived, and Adam was not deceived.

**Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **Gen 3:2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **Gen 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **Gen 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** **Gen 3:5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Gen 3:6** And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, **and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**

From this we see that Satan deceived Eve by lying to her. Notice in verse 6, it clearly says Adam was with her so why didn't he stop her from eating the fruit. After all he was not deceived.

This gets even worse in verse 12 when Adam blames the whole thing on Eve:

**Gen 3:12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, **she gave me of the tree, and I did**

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**eat.**

And Eves story was that Satan deceived her:

**Gen 3:13** 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.**

Remember Satan, Adam and Eve all got curses from God for their parts in this whole thing. Since God held them all responsible for what happened you really can't blame this whole thing on Eve or all women in general.

**Rom 5:12** Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

This one man would be Adam. Then we have this scripture:

**1Ti 2:14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Here is the thing, Eve was deceived by Satan, but Adam was not deceived. Adam knew better. Could Adam have stopped Eve from eating the fruit, I don't know but 1 Timothy 2:14 seems to indicate that Eve had already been deceived and was in the actual act of the sin at about the time Adam came to be beside her.

This is important because if Adam was not there until she had already started eating from the tree, I don't think she talked him into anything, Adam made his own decision to eat the fruit and here is why I think Adam knowingly ate from the tree that God told him not to eat from. When Adam saw what Eve did he knew that not only would she be separated from God but she would be separated from Adam also. She would be alone until she died.

Notes from John Gill (Commentator)

... **The Jews infer from hence, that Adam was with her all the while, and heard the discourse between the serpent and her, yet did not interpose nor dissuade his wife from eating the fruit, and being prevailed upon by the arguments used; or however through a strong affection for his wife, that she might not die alone, he did as she had done:**

If Adam did hear the entire conversation between Satan and Eve and did nothing to stop what was happening, that was Adams first sin because he knew better and he did nothing to try to prevent what happened. His second sin was when Eve handed him the fruit and of his own free will he ate it, and his third sin was when he blamed the whole thing on Eve.

I don't know right now if there is scriptural proof that Adam committed the first sin by having heard and seen what was going on and yet not stopping it. But if 1 Timothy 2:14 is saying that Eve had already been deceived and was currently in the sin of eating the forbidden fruit when Adam came beside her, he may at that time have felt the need to of his own free will eat the fruit so she would not die alone. For whatever reason he decided to eat the fruit, he still was not deceived. Adam knew God told him not to eat the fruit. Adam may have had regrets afterward in regard to his eating the fruit, so he committed the sin of blaming it on Eve even though he did it knowing it was forbidden.

In the end times we will see very clearly how that third sin works as the authorities over us get people to turn in friends, family and neighbors so they can get a lighter sentence, more food or more money etc. We have already seen that particular sin work with the J6 prosecutions, and it is now working before our faces with the Trump inditelements as some of those people indited with him are now turning against Trump and their own convictions in order to get a lighter sentence. It is a sin because it causes people to be ruined or killed when they are actually innocent. Some of those caught in the J6 prosecutions weren't even in DC and some of them have committed suicide due to the long prison sentences they are getting while in comparison most of the rioters in blue states don't even get a fine for all the damage they have caused.

Also there may be much merit for why Adam ate the fruit purposely. Read what John Gill said again about what the Jews said about it. It has been several years since I have read the book of Adam and Eve, but as I recall Adam in that book, knowingly ate the fruit so Eve would not die alone. Eve was also very remorseful even though it was too late. Adam's action though noble if he did it so Eve would not die alone was still a sin because God told him not to eat the fruit and he

did it anyway. Apparently, Adams love for Eve was more than his love for God.

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The account of Adam and Eve's encounter with Satan, then God in Gen. 3:1-13 is truly the best example of justifying one's own reason for not obeying God, even though He says, "thou shalt not".

That seems to be the major problem of the human spirit guided by Satan himself. I'm sure that all humans with their human nature at least once (more than likely many times) that have sinned, justified their sinful acts, full well knowing that God has said, "Thou shalt not". God never added an exception clause to His laws. Murder is murder no matter what lengths one goes to, to make themselves vindicated for their acts. Cain did it, Gen. 4:5-9. If one has the Love of God in their heart, they won't be looking for excuses to break His law. Love overrides any thought of making excuses to "bend" (break), His law.

Human nature attuned to Satan's sway, will always find a justification to lie, cheat, steal, commit adultery, and murder. Justification makes way to feel vindicated for what one has done, with the attitude, "to hang with what God says"!

**New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)**  
**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**

## **Holy Days 2025**

**Passover – April 13, 2025 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)**

**Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 13-19, 2025**

**Pentecost – June 2, 2025**

**Trumpets – September 23, 2025**

**Atonement – October 2, 2025**

**Tabernacles –October 7, 2025, to October 13, 2025**

**Last Great Day – October 14, 2025**

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