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Before you begin . . .

As you embark on a study of biblical women in ancient times, it is important that you be able to visualize their lives as they were. This is why I have included the book *Her Name is Woman* with this series. The author is excellent at helping one imagine the daily lives of these women and discover the feelings and challenges that we have in common with them today.

It must be noted, however, that there is some speculation in the book regarding the motivations and situations of these women which can neither be validated nor invalidated biblically. Please feel free to disagree with the author on such points.

Also note that the **questions at the beginning of each notebook lesson are from the corresponding chapter in *Her Name is Woman***. I have added the ***Building on the Basics*** section to further help you discover practical principles for today.

I hope that you will thoroughly enjoy and benefit from this exciting series on *The Challenges of Womanhood*.

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Note: Questions at the beginning of each lesson are from the end of the corresponding chapter in the book, *Her Name is Woman*.

Lesson 1

EVE

**Chapter 1, *Her Name is Woman*;
Genesis 1:27,28; 2:18, 20-25; 3:1-20**

1. Read Genesis 1 and 2. How and why was Eve created?

2. Who was the serpent? Revelation 20:2; John 8:44

What tactics did he apply when he deceived Eve?

3. In what ways do you consider him to be still at work according to Matthew 4:1-11 and I John 2:16?

4. Can a human being withstand temptation? If so, how?

5. Describe the situation in which Eve lived before the fall.

6. How was that situation afterward? Mention all the changes you can find.

7. What do you consider to be the most far-reaching result of Eve's sin?

8. What do you think is the most important warning in this story?

How does this affect your life personally?

3. In light of Romans 6:23, what is God's gift of love to us mentioned in Romans 5:8?

4. a. What must we do to receive this gift of love?

John 1:12

Revelation 3:20

b. Look up the word *receive* in the dictionary. What does it mean to receive Christ?

5. When we receive Christ, what are we promised?

John 10:27-29

Romans 8:38-39

6. What does Jesus desire for our lives according to John 10:10b?

SUMMARY

7. What warnings about your quest for fulfillment are apparent to you through Eve's story?

8. a. As you look at column 3 on page 6, in what areas of your life would you like to experience more of God's fulfillment today?

b. In light of columns one and three on page 6, what do you see as key to the fulfillment you seek?

GOD'S PLAN . . . REDEMPTION*

Before the Fall

We were designed to:

Enjoy Oneness With God (Gen. 1:26-27)
perfect trust, no guilt, openness
and love in a walk with God,
live eternally with Him

Enjoy Oneness in Marriage (Gen. 2:18-25)
"no good" for man to be alone,
each complements the other perfectly

Enjoy Life (Gen. 1:28-31)
everything was "very good",
they were blessed

Enjoy Work (Gen. 1:26-30, 2:15)
to find meaning and challenge in
our work and responsibilities

Enjoy Our Sexuality (Gen. 1:28;
2:24-25) they were naked and
unashamed, total sexual fulfill-
ment, see sex as a gift from God

Enjoy Our Minds (Gen. 2:19-20)
named animals
spiritual understanding
wisdom in walking with God
integrated view of life

After the Fall

Alienation From God (Ro. 3:23;6:23)
fear God, guilt, run from God,
no personal walk with God,
no eternal life

Conflict in Relationships (Gen. 3:
12,4:8) loneliness, selfishness
and lack of understanding

Life is Meaningless (Ecc. 2:1-20)
we cannot find meaning in life,
no lasting happiness, satisfaction

Work Is A Burden (Gen. 3:16-19)
boredom with work, irresponsibility,
laziness

Unfulfilled and Misused Sexuality
(Rom. 1:24-27) guilt and fear,
lack of sexual fulfillment,
perversions, think God is against

Thinking is Impaired (I Cor. 2:14)
the mind is affected by sin
spiritual blindness
pride in human wisdom
fragmented view of life

Restored in Christ

A Personal Relationship With God (Rev.3:20)
we experience His total forgiveness,
we can walk with Him daily, eternal life

Oneness in Human Relationships (Phil. 2:1-4)
love for mate, family, friends, power
to build into the lives of others

An Abundant Life (John 10:10b)
meaning and purpose in life,
lasting happiness and satisfaction

Work In Proper Perspective (Col. 3:23)
new purpose in life enables new meaning
and challenge in work

New Joy In Our Sexuality (Son of Solomon)
new appreciation of our bodies, sex takes
on new meaning as we realize this area is
important to God

The Mind of Christ (I Cor. 2:16; Phil 4:8)
we can think God's thoughts
the Scriptures come alive and give true
wisdom, integrated view of life is
possible

*Alice Painter, *The Challenge of Being a Woman*, page 8.