

Satan Hates Women

In this chapter I hope to uncover why women have been silenced, abused, and thwarted from ministry. We could certainly put the blame on ignorance, male chauvinism, false teaching, misinterpretation of the Word of God, or simply put the blame on men's deep held insecurities and fears about women. However I want to unmask the real perpetrator of the silencing and abuse of women in ministry or just life in general. The answer is satan himself. He hates women because Eve was the first to expose him and his treachery.

I trust with all my heart that all of us now will approach this subject with an open or unveiled face (II Corinthians 3:18); one that comes with no preconceived ideas or traditions of men or bias of any kind! Let us allow God's Word to speak for itself, and not be dogmatic or unreasonable or unwilling to receive the truth of God concerning women. Nor should we fear what the Word declares as truth. Remember John 8:32, *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* This should be our desire. As we discover who has been behind all of the repression, abuse, subjugation, and mistreatment of women down through history, we can then fight, pray, fast, and attack this adversary in an enlightened way. Sisters, as you read and study, let God deliver you and make you free from the long held chains of satan, religion, male superiority, and finally see and enter into God's great call upon your life. Believe it or not, the body of Christ desperately needs your ministry. If Jesus is ever going to come back, and the harvest reached, women must be released into ministry.

Through the ages, men, the one God purposed to be as a protection for women, be it as father or husband, has often been the one the enemy has used to express his hatred toward women. All we need do is read a newspaper or watch television to hear the multiple examples of wives being abused. This is so prevalent in our society today. Four times in Ephesians 5:25-33 God commanded the man to love his wife (see verses 25, 28, 33). He is told in I Peter 3:7, *"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."* Also in Colossians 3:19, *"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."* Nevertheless, even in many Christian homes this is not true. And men, both fathers, husbands, brothers, etc., have become tools of satan. This must stop and men need to receive the truth about women and rejoice, encourage, and help them fulfill their calling. Religion also has been the biggest abusers of women with their misinterpreted doctrines on submission, headship, and covering. History has shown us religion has been women's greatest enemy, but behind all this is satan working to destroy, hold back, and keep women silent. I believe it is because he fears them and knows if they are ever released into ministry, it will spell his doom. I pray this lesson brings that about, especially when one just looks in the natural at women. Who is more gifted at multi-tasking and getting a job done? Women have been given unique and special gifts from God that men simply do not have. We need them to help us get the job done of reaching the world for Jesus and bringing in the harvest. It is in our best interest to see them loosed!

I. The Beginning Of Satan's Hatred Toward Women

- A. Genesis 3:13-15 – *"¹³And 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. ¹⁴And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

1. Verse 13 – Eve, unlike Adam, who blamed God and the woman for his sin (verse 12), boldly admits, *"The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."* Notice how she clearly points out that it was the serpent who was behind their whole affair.

- a. Other translations:

"the serpent tricked me"

"the serpent beguiled, cheated, outwitted, and deceived me"

"the serpent hath caused me to forget, and I do eat"

"the serpent deceived me, and I ate"
"the serpent seduced me, she said, and I ate"
"the snake tricked me, so I ate the fruit"
"I was tricked by the deceit of the snake"
"It was the serpent. He deceived me, and I ate"

- b. Definition of beguiled in Hebrew, *nasha* – to lead stray, to mentally delude, to morally seduce – This word defines for us satan according to Scripture.
 - c. From this we see that the woman was the first one to expose satan and his tricks.
2. Satan defined in Scripture
- a. Psalms 43:2 – *"For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"* – enemy in Hebrew, *oyeb* – to hate as an adversary or foe
 - b. Psalms 143:3 – *"For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead."*
 - c. Matthew 13:24-30, 39 – *"²⁴Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: ²⁵But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. ²⁶But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ²⁷So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? ²⁸He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? ²⁹But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. ³⁹The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels."*
 - d. Mark 1:13 – *"And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him."*
 - e. Mark 8:33 – *"But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men."*
 - f. Luke 13:16 – *"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"*
 - g. Luke 22:31 – *"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:"*
 - h. Acts 5:3 – *"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"*
 - i. II Corinthians 2:11 – *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."*
 - j. II Corinthians 11:14 – *"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."*
 - k. II Corinthians 12:7 – *"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."*
 - l. I Thessalonians 2:18 – *"Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."*
 - m. II Thessalonians 2:9 – *"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,"*
 - n. Revelation 2:20-25 – *"²⁰Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. ²¹And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. ²²Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. ²³And I will kill her*

children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. ²⁴But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. ²⁵But that which ye have already hold fast till I come."

- o. Revelation 12:9 – *"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*
 - p. I Samuel 1:6 – *"And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb."*
 - q. I Peter 5:8 – *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"*
 - r. I Timothy 4:1 – *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"*
 - s. Matthew 4:1-11
 - t. John 13:2 – *"And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;"*
 - u. Ephesians 6:11 – *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*
 - v. I Timothy 3:7 – *"Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."*
 - w. I John 3:8 – *"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."*
 - x. John 8:44 – *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*
 - y. Ephesians 4:26-27 – *"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil."*
 - z. Daniel 7:25 – *"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."*
3. Verse 14 – *"And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:"*
 - a. Because of Eve exposing him, satan is cursed.
 - b. The serpent represents the devil in Scripture (Revelation 12:9 – *"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*, Revelation 20:2 – *"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,"*)
 - c. He has now been judged and cursed because of the woman; no wonder he is so angry with her.
 4. Verse 15 – *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*
 - a. Hebrew for enmity, *eybah* – hostility, hatred; from a root, *ayab* – to hate, to be hostile towards, to be an enemy
 - b. Also, the promise of the Messiah's coming and bruising satan is promised. We see this fulfilled in Jesus' death and victory at Calvary, and in Romans 16:20, *"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."*

Eve did not blame God or reject Him. She did not hide what had happened or side with satan, but made a choice and sided with God against satan. Yes, Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, but she did not reject God.

She even knew the serpent had deceived her. Her husband had been no help and He had been expressly told by God to guard the garden (Genesis 2:8, 15-17 – *“⁸And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed...¹⁵And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*). So how did this beguiling, anti-God serpent get in the garden anyway? The answer can only be that Adam had at some time allowed him in. Also, why didn't it seem strange to him that the serpent spoke? Maybe it is because he had spoken to him before.

5. Adam is the culprit here, not Eve

- a. Job 31:33 – *“If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:”*
- b. Hosea 6:7 – *“But they like men (Hebrew – Adam) have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.”*

Maybe that is why Eve was created to help him recover himself. The word helper in Hebrew is used in the Bible as a designation for someone who rescues or saves from difficult situations, rather than a subordinate assistant. He certainly didn't protect his wife. He blames God and Eve and refuses to accept his responsibility. Why did Satan address her anyway? Maybe it was because he had already spoken to Adam and had convinced him about taking the forbidden fruit. Moreover, she was the stronger of the two and if Satan could get her to respond, then Adam would too. It certainly seems apparent that Adam was not surprised by any of this. It could be that he wanted Eve to do the dirty work and then she would be the one God blamed. When you think about this logically, it appears to be the only real answer. It is obvious to me that Adam had had contact with the serpent beforehand, and by not trying to prevent Eve or warn her of the consequences, it seems he wanted to eat from that forbidden tree. His silence here speaks very loudly that this theory is true. He didn't offer any resistance to her. He simply took the fruit and ate it. Also, Adam shielded Satan and blamed God and the woman. Perhaps he had formed a friendship with the serpent long before Eve came. Future Scripture puts the blame solely on Adam and not Eve. She had been deceived. He knew full well what he was doing.

6. A look at what the Scripture says about who was to blame

a. Adam

- 1) I Timothy 2:14 – *“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”*
- 2) I Corinthians 15:22 – *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”*
- 3) Romans 5:12, 15-19 – *“¹²Wherefore, 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...¹⁵But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. ¹⁶And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. ¹⁷For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”*

b. Eve

- 1) I Timothy 2:14 – *“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”* – The Greek here reads, *“...was thoroughly deceived and so became involved.”*

- 2) II Corinthians 11:3 – *“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”* – Once again the Greek *“thoroughly deceived”* is used.

The Scriptures are plain on this matter. Adam was to blame. He was the culprit, not Eve. Eve, however, had now become Satan's main enemy, because to her was promised the Messiah. Satan has turned his attention on her, to stop her at any cost!

II. Satan Hates Women and Especially Women In Ministry

A. Scriptures

1. Daniel 11:17, 37 – *“¹⁷He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him...³⁷Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.”* – This is speaking of the antichrist, and his desire to corrupt women, however they refuse.
 - a. Exodus 1:15-22 – *“¹⁵And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: ¹⁶And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. ¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. ¹⁸And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? ¹⁹And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. ²⁰Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. ²¹And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. ²²And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.”*
2. Luke 13:16 – *“And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?”*
3. I Samuel 1:1-7, 10-11 – *“¹Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: ²And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there. ⁴And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: ⁵But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. ⁶And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. ⁷And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat...¹⁰And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. ¹¹And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.”*
4. The church is seen in the Scriptures as a woman; notice Satan's attack against her:
 - a. Revelation 12:3-4, 13-17 – *“³And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was*

born...¹³And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. ¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

- b. Matthew 16:18 – "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

B. Judaism

Men and women were separated from one another in the temple and in synagogues, and women were to be silent. Women were separated and silenced in their homes as well. They were not allowed to eat meals with their husbands, when there were guests present.

The oral law of the Jews is now called the Talmud. This oral law came into existence after the exile of the Jews. The Hebrews had lost their way, so to keep the Jews in remembrance of God's law (the Torah, the books of Moses) men began to make laws of their own from their interpretation of the true law of God. This led to a massive amount of laws or "traditions" that bound the Jewish people, especially women.

1. What Jesus/Apostles said about these traditions

- a. Matthew 15:1-6 – "¹Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, ²Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. ³But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. ⁵But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; ⁶And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."
- b. Mark 7:3-9, 13 – "³For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. ⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? ⁶He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. ⁷Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. ⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. ⁹And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition...¹³Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."
- c. Colossians 2:8 – "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."
- d. I Peter 1:18-19 – "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

This oral law (Talmud) was written by Jewish scholars interpreting the Pentateuch. It came to be seen as of equal authority with the Old Testament Scriptures. Just after the second century these oral laws were compiled in a book, The Talmud. It consists of fourteen large volumes. The Judaisers in the New Testament wanted to bind

the Gentile believers with this law. Paul became their arch enemy. (See lesson 2 for statements found in the oral law.)

These traditions were made by men and not by God. They are not found in Holy Scripture. This is just one of the many ways satan uses men and religion to persecute women. Consider John 8:3-11 – *“³And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, ⁴They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. ⁵Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? ⁶This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. ⁷So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. ⁸And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. ⁹And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? ¹¹She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”* Notice that only the woman was brought, not the man.

