



Power Lust v. Authority: Satan's Strategy for the Fall: Influence Ishah's Disobedience to the Lord's & Adam's Authority: Her Loss of Humility

- 22) The issue that served as the catalyst for the fall, the motivation for original sin, and inclusion of the human race in the prehistoric angelic conflict was disobedience to divine authority.
- 23) For Lucifer to gain a hearing from Ishah she had to reject the authority of her husband by conversing with a stranger.
- 24) When she acquiesced to Lucifer's temptation she did so out of ignorance but she sinned nonetheless and committed the first sin.
- 25) Adam transgressed divine authority when he allowed his wife to entice him into eating the forbidden fruit and unlike the woman he was not deceived.
- 26) Because Adam's sin was one of cognizance then his curse includes the transmission of his genetically contaminated DNA to the next generation through procreation.
- 27) The problem lies in the corrupted human body therefore so often in Scripture the sinful nature is referred to as "flesh."
- 28) God created the soul and imputed it to the body at selection. The soul is not what is contaminated but the body, although the sinful nature in the body is what influences the soul to sin.
- 29) What God originates and what man originates through sin are always kept separated. The soul is created pure and uncontaminated but becomes corrupt by human free will.
- 30) As long as Adam was faithful to the Lord and maintained loyalty to His mandate then his soul and his body remained perfect as did those of Ishah.
- 31) But at the fall, Ishah used her free will to rebel against the authority of her husband, Adam joined the rebellion. As a result, Lucifer usurped the rulership of the world and the sinful nature became the ruler of human life.
- 32) Lucifer used the arrogance of Ishah to overthrow Adam whose failure to control his wife resulted in disobedience to divine policy.
- 33) Immediately the love of God was no longer mankind's point of contact with God but rather His justice which imposed spiritual death to Adam, Ishah, and their progeny.
- 34) In every case of rebellion there is a loss of humility that cancels one's respect for authority and destroys one's loyalty to those who possess it.
- 35) The virtue of humility and how its loss destroys a system of authority is important to our study. Here are some summary principles:
 - 1) Humility is developed gradually within four areas of influence: (1) organized humility of the home, (2) the enforced humility of parents and other figures of authority, (3) establishment humility toward society and its laws and customs, and (4) genuine humility which in concert with the conscience forms an internal disposition of doctrinal integrity which serves as an inner governor and regulator of thought and behavior.