

# THE FAMILY THAT MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL GENESIS 2

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Introduction:

There are three, and only three, divinely-ordained agencies in our world: the home, the government and the church. The devil is out to destroy all three. His primary target is the home, because as goes the home, so goes the church; as goes the church, so goes the government; as goes the government, so goes the nation; as goes the nation, so goes the world.

Don't be surprised if Satan launches an all out attack on your family. Don't sell short the power of Satan. Satan goes to church and he has to ride with somebody.

Whenever God's people come together; just trace it through Scripture; the Devil is always there. He is out to trick and deceive you.

First there was the home (Gen 2:24).

(Gen 2:24 KJV) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh

Then came the government (Gen 9:6).

(Gen 9:6 KJV) Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

The church came much later.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, " 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."

It is plain to see that the home takes precedence over both the government and the church. God's primary institution is the home and the family.

The home is sacred. Do you want to know how sacred marriage is? God himself performed the first wedding, bringing together the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve. And it was Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve! God does not accept homosexuality as a lifestyle. The homosexually-related diseases are destroying thousands. The judgment hand of God is upon America because we have gone contrary to His way, His Word and His will.

Make this observation with me. Does it stand to reason that the sacredness of the home is evidence by the fact that it was formed before government, or the church? God could have formed government before He formed a home. He could have established the church before He established the home. But God's priority was to establish a home on earth.

Jesus also worked in the home. Notice:

1. Jesus performed His first miracle in a home.  
(John 2:11)
2. Jesus observed a Passover in a home.  
(Matt 26:18)
3. Jesus ate supper in the home of a sinner.
4. Jesus visited in the home of the tax-collector the most despised person in the community. (Matt 9:9-11)
5. Jesus was anointed with perfume in a home.  
(Mark 14:3)
6. Jesus healed a man with palsy in a home. (Mark 2:1-5)
7. Jesus taught in the home of Mary and Martha.  
(Luke 10:38-43)

I'm giving you a picture of a family as an introduction. Therefore we might call Adam's family "the family that made a deal with the Devil."

Notice three things about this first family.

### 1. The First Family Was Established By God

(Gen 2:18-24 KJV) And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. {19} And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. {20} And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. {21} And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; {22} And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. {23} And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. {24} Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

A. Notice three things in verses 18-24.

1. Companionship (vs 18)

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

2. Relationship (vs 23)

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

a. She was not taken from Adam's head.

1. He was not to lord over her and she was not to be the brains of the operation.

b. She was not taken from Adam's feet.

1. He was not to walk on or trample her, and she was not to lead or tell him where to go.

c. She was taken from a rib near his heart.

1. That way there would be compatibility, togetherness, oneness, a love, a companionship, a fellowship.

### 3. Partnership (vs 24)

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

#### 2. The First Family Disobeyed God's Instructions.

##### A. God has certain restrictions on every family.

(Gen 2:15-17 KJV) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. {16} And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: {17} But 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.

##### B. The Devil always questions those restrictions.

(Gen 3:1 KJV) Now the serpent was more subtle 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?

1. The Devil will put a question mark where God has put a period.

C. The Devil always will offer a deal.

(Gen 3:2-7 KJV) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: {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. {4} And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: {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. {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. {7} And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

1. Any time that we listen to the Devil we turn a deaf ear to God.

2. Any time you face the Devil, your back is turned on God.

D. When we deal with the Devil, God will bring us to the spot that we have to answer Him.

(Gen 3:8-9 KJV) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. {9} And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

1. Notice how each passed the buck.

(Gen 3:12-13 KJV) And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. {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.

E. Dealing with the devil and disobedience always has consequences.

1. Disobedience results in sorrow.

(Gen 3:16 KJV) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

2. Disobedience results in subjection.



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Illustration:

When the wife rules the roost, and the kids are in the saddle, you have a perfect description, and prescription of turning your home into a barnyard.

a. The wife's duty to her husband is stated in the Word of God.

(Eph 5:23-24 KJV) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. {24} Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

3. Disobedience results in sweat.

(Gen 3:19 KJV) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

F. God's restrictions are still relevant today.

Read Exodus 20:1-17

(Exo 20:1-17 KJV) And God spake all these words, saying, {2} I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. {3} Thou shalt have no other gods before me. {4} Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: {5} Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; {6} And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. {7} Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. {8} Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. {9} Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: {10} But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: {11} For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. {12} Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. {13} Thou shalt not kill. {14} Thou shalt not commit adultery. {15} Thou shalt not steal. {16} Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy

neighbour. {17} Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

1. You say I have never killed anyone.

(James 2:10 KJV) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

a. We would all be in Hell if we got what we deserved.

### 3. The First Family Was Struck With Tragedy

(Gen 4:1-8 KJV) And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. {2} And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. {3} And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. {4} And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: {5} But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. {6} And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? {7} If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire,

and thou shalt rule over him. {8} And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

A. What a tragedy because of dealing with the Devil.

#### 4. Dealing With The Devil

The best way to deal with the Devil is not to make a deal with him.

A. How to deal with the Devil

##### 1. Resist the Devil

(James 4:7 KJV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

(1 Pet 5:8-9 KJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: {9} Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

2. Don't give the Devil any room to operate in your family.

(Eph 4:27 KJV) Neither give place to the devil.

3. Attack the Devil with the Word of God.

(Mat 4:4 KJV) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

4. Realize the Devil is an Accuser, a Slanderer, and a Destroyer, a Liar, and a Deceiver.

But thank God the Devil is also a defeated enemy and Jesus Christ will destroy his works.

(1 John 3:8 KJV) 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.

Close:

May God help our families to be strong Christian Families.