

# The Pattern for Paradise

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Genesis 1:31 *Everything God made was very good.*  
Ezekiel 28:15 *You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.*  
Matthew 18:3 *Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*  
1 John 2:16 *For all that is in the world that is of the flesh, and of the lust of the flesh, and of the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*  
Romans 5:12 *Through one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed unto all men, because all have sinned.*  
1 Corinthians 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

1 When God's *pattern* for living is followed, a *paradise* environment is possible—and which the first two people on earth enjoyed. It was only when they decided they could *improve* their situation by making changes in the original pattern that Paradise was lost.

2 A plan or blueprint is the first step in building anything. We start with a basic form and build from there—adding this or that and progressing to completion.

3 The Christian life is similar—we read God's pattern for life as a basic start and then asking Him for spiritual enlightenment as each day progresses.

4 God's pattern for Adam *then* is the same plan for us *now*. The relationship the first two humans had *with* God and their *trust on* God *before* they rebelled provided peace and contentment for both.

5 Genesis 1:31 AV "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

6 The Tempter appears. Ezekiel 28:15 NLT "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you."

7 17 Your heart was filled with *pride* because of all your beauty." This is the same dragon "that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" AV Revelation 12:9.

8 Satan is always in *disguise*; always has wicked *intentions*; and is *evil* to the core. He loses *no* time in getting Adam away from God's plan of obedience. He tempts *Eve* when Adam was *not* there to remind her of God's *warning*.

9 Satan says something *plausible* but mixed with a *lie* and *twisting* the Truth. Eating from the tree *would* open their eyes and give them knowledge, but it would *not help* them.

10 The devil changes the words God said and asks if they are not allowed to eat from *any* of the trees?

11 Eve says Genesis 3:2 NIV "We may eat fruit from the trees [of every tree 2:16] in the garden"—just *not* eat from the *one tree*.

12 God first gave the command to Adam before Eve was created. Eve understands God's *warning* but *softens* it by omitting a *word*.

13 God told her AV Genesis 2:17 "Thou shalt surely die" but she tells the serpent God said *they would die*—omitting *surely*.

14 Satan keeps deceiving by saying AV Genesis 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"—You will be your own boss; follow your own plans; and control your own future.

15 Jesus continues to tell the Truth Matthew 18:3 AV "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall *not* enter into the kingdom of heaven."

16 Satan lies about God's Pattern for Paradise—Eve's eyes *would* be opened but she would *not* be like a god.

17 Satan's lie *that* day continues to *this* day—that more *knowledge of* the world brings more *success in* the world.

18 The truth is that *too much* learning brings more *troubles* as knowledge can put *pride* in our heart Ezekiel 28:17, which can destroy us if not removed.

19 God's pattern for this life is to *confess* and *forsake* any *pride* that God reveals Jeremiah 17:9.

20 Disobeying God would *not* bring happiness, but it *would* make them *like* the serpent—rebellious, defiant, and proud.

21 Eve accepts Satan's *deception* and rejects God's *pattern*. When she "Saw that the fruit of the tree was *good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it*" Genesis 3:6 NIV.

22 Gaining more *wisdom*, she thought, would bring more *pleasure*—but that advice was deceiving!

23 The tree was pleasant to *view* so she *wanted* what it *promised*. Food to eat, nice things to see, and knowledge gained are good things *within* God's will of course but can be sinful *outside* of His will.

24 AV 1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the *lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*"

25 Choices in life are *very* important because the rebellious-nature has always sinned against God.

26 Romans 5:12 NKJV "Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin," but with God's help we can *overcome* the tendency to make wrong choices.

27 When Adam fell, we all fell with him—so we all share his guilt. Everyone starts life with a

rebellious nature that does not want to trust God for anything—we must allow God to *convert* our heart and empower us to *overcome* the tendency to doubt God’s promises.

**28** The psalmist states **Psalm 51:5**<sup>NKJV</sup> “*In sin my mother conceived me.*” Everyone has a *rebellious* heart until God *reveals* it and *removes* it—that is why we *allow* Him to work with us.

**29** Our continuing prayer—“*Not my will, but thine, be done*” **Luke 22:42**<sup>AV</sup>.

**30** *Spiritual life* results from *faith* in Christ—a faith that depends on God for everything—health, healing, protection, provisions, peace, justice, and eternal life—that is the pattern to follow and it corrects “*the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men.*”

**31** And also, “*the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men*” **NIV Romans 5:18**, because our trust in His sacrifice makes us righteous in His sight.

**32** <sup>AV</sup> **Romans 6:4** “*As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*”

**33** This *new* life of trust on God is willing to put everything into His hands, and to believe in faith for the Holy Spirit—just as we would believe God for any *other* answer to prayer.

**34** In the same way that Adam brought *guilt* on us by rebelling—being our representative *human*; Jesus took *away* that guilt by obeying the Father—as our Representative *Savior*.

**35** We now place our *trust* on that sacrifice for sin. <sup>AV</sup> **1 Corinthians 15:22** “*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive*”—as we continue to *trust* Him in faith.

**36** Eve was just as guilty as Adam because she influenced him to disobey God. They both tried to cover their mistake—but hiding our *sin* does not deal with our *guilt*.

**37** **Proverbs 28:13**<sup>NKJV</sup> “*He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*”

**38** The pattern to follow is to *admit* rebellious attitudes; to *repent* before God; to *forsake* those sins with His help, and then to *follow* His plan through the power of His Spirit.

**39** Atonement for sins is possible—just continue to *trust* God in *faith* on the perfect Blood sacrifice Jesus made **for us**.

**40** Adam and Eve *knew* they sinned because “*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight*” **Hebrews 4:13**<sup>NIV</sup>.

**41** God asked Adam **Genesis 3:11-13**<sup>NIV</sup> “*Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?*” *The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’*

**42** *God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’*”

**43** They *admit* they disobeyed, but do not repent or correct the mistake—just blame someone else.

**44** We will all answer to God for the decisions we make **Romans 14:12**—whether we trusted Him in *faith* or we turned away in *unbelief*.

**45** <sup>AV</sup> **John 5:29** “*They that have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation.*”

**46** We have to overcome any tendency to do anything outside the will of God **Galatians 6:7**.

**47** A *believing* and *persisting* faith in the resurrection power of Christ is the only way our sins can be *erased* and our hearts *cleansed* of rebellion.

**48** *God* provides the *power* and the *ability*; we provide the *choice* and the *willingness* to believe and follow the pattern of trust on Him.

**49** *God* will *always* have the power to *heal*, *deliver*, *protect*; and *guide* us by His Spirit—but we have to make the *decision* to *believe* His Word and *trust* Him.

**50** As Jesus said of John the Baptist, he <sup>NKJV</sup> **John 5:35** “*Was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.*” We are to rejoice in the light of God’s Truth **all the time!**

**51** It has *always* been our *responsibility* to follow the pattern of life God drew up for us—and all leading to *His Paradise Kingdom!*

**52** <sup>NIV</sup> **John 7:17** “*If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God*”—following closely the *pattern* He gave us.

**53** Jesus said to unbelievers <sup>WEY</sup> **John 5:40** “*You are unwilling to come to me that you may have Life.*”

**54** That *life of trust*, He meant, is God’s *pattern* for *everyone’s life!* Walking in the light of the *Truth* leads directly to a *Paradise* in Heaven!

**55** Jesus promised <sup>NKJV</sup> **John 5:24** “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*”

**56** That is God’s **Pattern for Paradise!**



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