

Paradise Lost CW/HW Packet Week 6 (Book 9 The Fall)

Answer all questions with complete sentences and proper punctuation to receive full credit. Use the text to help you answer. I have included line numbers to help guide you.

1. In Book 9, Eve asks to work separately from Adam to increase their efficiency; he thanks her for her concern but adds:

But other doubt possesses me, least harm
Befall thee sever'd from me; for thou knowst
What hath bin warn'd us, what malicious Foe
Envyng our happiness, and of his own
Despairing, seeks to work us woe and shame [255]

What is Adam worried about, *and* what does this tell us about how he feels about Eve?

2. In the form of a serpent, Satan spends many lines (Book 9, lines 532-548) telling Eve how beautiful she is. What rhetorical strategy is Satan using *and* what stereotype about woman does this touch upon?

3. What is Eve's first surprised reaction to the serpent? What does she want to know? (Book 9, lines 532-555)

4. How does the serpent explain his differences from the other animals? Be specific. (Book 9, lines 575-605)

5. What is Eve's first response to the serpent's suggestion that she eat from this tree? (Book 9, lines 651-654)

6. Put the following passage into your own words, in modern language:

Ye Eat thereof, your Eyes that seem so cleere,
Yet are but dim, shall perfetly be then
Op'nd and cleerd, and ye shall be as Gods,
Knowing both Good and Evil as they know.
That ye should be as Gods, since I as Man,

7. Why does Eve decide to share the fruit with Adam?
8. Why does Adam eventually decide to follow Eve's example?
9. What do their different reasons for disobeying God reveal about each of them?
10. What changes occur in them post-fall?