

## “Battle of the Sexes: Round One” Preview #2

*(Overcome by the stress of the day, Eve sinks down to sit on the edge of the stage, and Adam joins her, pulling her close as she hides her face in his shoulder.)*

Eve: "Snakes, I hate them! I'll always hate them! And I hate thorns, and killing, and that an innocent animal had to die so we could have clothes."

Adam: "Me too, me too." *(Seeing how she is holding to him, he smiles a little.)* "Look. I'm sorry for what I said, and the way I acted. I was just taking out my anger at myself on you, and I shouldn't have."

Eve: (Sniffing) "You don't really blame me for it all?"

Adam: "I can't blame you for any of it, Eve. I'm the man, it was my responsibility. I sinned. And because I sinned, we'll have to suffer, and our offspring will have to suffer. I think God would be better off with a new Adam. Maybe he would do better than I did. I am a failure, a total failure."

*(Eve comforts Adam and strokes his hair, looking at him compassionately.)*

Eve: *(softly and tenderly)* "Hey, big guy... I think God knows what kind of man you are. After all, He made you, didn't He? And He doesn't make anyone to be a failure."

*(Adam nods, his head buried in her hair.)*

Eve: (Lifting her eyes to the stars.) "And I believe He still loves you."

Adam: *(Lifts his head hopefully.)* "You really think so?"

Eve: "I know He does."

Adam: "But how?"

Eve: *(Tenderly pushing some hair out of his eyes.)* "'Cause I do."

*(They embrace as Adam stifles a sob. The music is coming to an end about now.)*

Adam: *(Wiping his eyes, he speaks with a new resolve.)* "It's just us now, mama, and we'll just have to stick together till we get out of this mess we made. And one day we will get out of it. God promised that, didn't He?"

Eve: "I'll never forget it. He gave me a hope I can hang on to."

Adam: *(Helping her to her feet.)* "And a man you can hang on to, also!"

*(This time Adam sneezes, more loudly and forcefully than Eve had.)*

Eve: "God bless you!"

Adam: "Why would you say that?"

Eve: *(shrugging)* "It just seems like the right thing to say."

Adam: "Well, it's a good saying. I like it. And you were right, it did feel like a... a 'sneeze.'"

*(Smiling, they begin to walk off, hand in hand, but Adam stops and looks back in the direction they came from when they left the garden.)*

Eve: "I wonder if we'll ever be allowed back in Paradise again."

Adam: "We will. Someday, when the Deliverer that God promised is born."

*(Adam and Eve stop at the same time and look at each other.)*

Eve: "Are you thinking what I'm thinking?"

Adam: "We'd better get busy!"

Adam: *(As they exit the stage, arms around each other.)* "Let's go raise a little Cain!"

*(IMMEDIATELY begin Track #5 on the CD, Close Music and Narration.)*

Narrator: *(On the same CD track.)* "And so, they lived happily ever after.... oops, wrong story.... And so, Round One in the Battle of the Sexes ends in a draw and a temporary truce. The same battle would rage between their descendants, as countless men and women down through the years fought with no less inconclusive results. The children Adam and Eve had caused them no little amount of grief and heartache, but one day the promised deliverer was indeed born. I'd call that a happy ending, wouldn't you?"

*(The "Close Music" CD track brings it to a humorous conclusion.)*

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