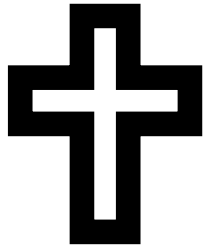


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on
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ADAM – LESSON 1

Introduction: Four Applications

- a. Adam & Eve – Personal Application – Historically they existed.
- b. Adam & Eve – Practical Application – Typically they represent how everyone is saved by blood.
- c. Adam & Eve – Prophetic Application – Dispensationally they represent Christ and the Church.
- d. Adam & Eve – Parallel Application – Adam parallels the First Day of Creation

Lesson Goals:

1. To study the creation of Adam.
2. To investigate the making of Eve.
3. To examine how sin entered into the world.

Definitions of Important Terms and/or Phrases:

1. Paradise – Paradise is the blessed resting place with Jesus to which the penitent thief's soul was received until the resurrection of the body (Luke 23:43). Paul in a trance was caught up even to the third heaven, into paradise (2 Cor 12:2,4). (Fausset's Bible Dictionary).
2. Head – Figurative. The head is illustrative of God (1 Cor 11:3), of Christ (11:3; Eph 1:22; Col 2:19), of rulers (1 Sam 15:17; Dan 2:38), of chief men (Isa 9:14-15); of the chief city of a kingdom (7:8). (The New Unger's Bible Dictionary).
3. Eden – The first home of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman. The concept "Garden of Delight" fits perfectly the setting of Gen 2-3, a place of God's blessing and prosperity. A number of suggestions have been offered as to the location of Eden, including Babylonia (in Mesopotamia) or Armenia (north of Mesopotamia). Eden probably included the area of Mesopotamia (including Babylonia) and its immediate surroundings. The statement in Gen 2:10 that four "riverheads" divided from the river that flowed out of the Garden of Eden (Gen 2:10-14) supports this location. (Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary).

I. THE DESIGN OF ADAM – Genesis 1:26-31

A. Image – Vs. 26

1. The Trinity Image – God is Spirit, Son, and Sovereign and man is spirit, soul, and body. This is Typology teaching showing the many applications to the one interpretation.
2. The Family Image – A family is three co-equal persons who form one unit.
 - a. The Husband is the Controller of the Home. (Father)
 - b. The Wife is the Comforter of the Home. (Holy Spirit)
 - c. The Child is the Conformer of the Home. (Son)

B. Instructions – Vs. 26 – It is amazing that in Paradise (the perfect state) Adam was given FIVE instructions (the number of Grace). Harold L. Willmington in his book *The Outline Bible*, page 3 lists them as:

1. People are to rule over all nature (1:26,28)
2. To fill the earth with their own kind (1:28)
3. To cultivate and care for their beautiful home, the Garden of Eden (2:15)
4. To eat from any tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:16,17)
5. To provide names for all the other creatures (2:19-20)

C. Intention – Vs. 28 – Again God gives Adam FIVE blessings.

1. When we follow God's Instructions, we receive God's Blessings.
2. Gen. 1:28 – "*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion...*"
 - a. "*Fruitful*" – parah – "increase"
 - b. "*Multiply*" – rabah – "be great" as to make a great man, grow.
 - c. "*Replenish*" – mala – "to fill or be full" (not fill again)
 - d. "*Subdue*" – kabash – "to conquer, bring into subjection" (This seems to be "one" subduing)
 - e. "*Dominion*" – radah – "to dominate to overlaying over all creation" (This seems to be "all" subduing).

II. THE DRESSING OF ADAM – Genesis 2:7-20 – God provided Adam all the essentials to "dress" the Garden.

A. Trinity – Vs. 7 – Again we see the Trinity of man: spirit, soul, and body.

1. Body – "*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground...*"
2. Spirit – "*...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life*"
3. Soul – "*...and man became a living soul.*"

Note: This is a clear Bible refuting of the Doctrine that man's body is his soul. This is taught by the

Advent Christian Church and others.

B. Tree – In every Creation, God placed a tree – Creation, Conversion, Consummation

1. Vs. 9 – Tree of a Choice – “...*the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*”
2. I Pet. 2:24 – Tree of a Curse – “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...*”
3. Rev. 22:2 – Tree of a Cure – “...*the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations*”

Note: Again we have an application where you may take the literal interpretation and apply it to conversion of the sinner and the consummation found in Revelation chapter 22

C. Tributaries – Vs. 10 – In every Creation, God placed a river – Creation, Conversion, and Consummation

1. Gen. 2:10 – Rivers to Water the Creation – Each river was named and shows the “progressive” work of God in Salvation.
 - a. Pison means “change” – Regeneration – God is “Spirit”
 - b. Gihon means “grace” – Revelation – God is “Light”
 - c. Hiddekel means “sharp voice” – Refines – God is “Fire”
 - d. Euphrates means “fruitful” – Reproduction – God is “Love”
2. John 7:38 – Rivers to Water the Convert (Every believer experiences what God executed in the Four Rivers above).
3. Rev. 22:1 – Rivers to Water the City

Note: The type of a River of Water can be applied to the Holy Spirit that lives in us and the Eternal River flowing out of the Throne of God. Just as there are Four Rivers there are Four Steps to Salvation.

D. Test of Obedience – Vs. 16-17 – Adam had all that was necessary to do right and he failed the test. It is amazing that a man can have 999 abilities, talents, and gifts and he will desire the ONE thing he does not have. (We are “weird” or is it “wicked.”)

E. Titles – Vs. 18-20 – God gives Adam “superior” knowledge in an innocent state.

Did Adam have the “mind of God” like we will have in the New Creation? Naming 30,000 different species of birds would have been taxing.

1. Adam’s Occupation – No Choice – Gen. 2:15 – “And the Lord God TOOK the man, and PUT him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. God gives Adam a Boss. Every Saved man has a place of Service in God’s Garden (the Church – see my book on Song of Solomon for the picture of the Church as God’s Garden). If a man doesn’t have a job, don’t fool with him, he’s an impostor, hypocrite, lost church member. Everything God creates has a purpose and will fulfill that purpose.
2. Adam’s Obedience – Gen. 2:16 – “*And the Lord God commanded the man...*” God gives Adam a Book. It is not enough for the man to bring home the bacon, he must bring home the Book. Every new born Christian loves the Word of God. If a man doesn’t obey God, don’t fool with him, he’s an impostor, a hypocrite, a lost church member.
3. Adam’s Other half – Gen. 2:18 – “*And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make an help meet for him.*” God gives Adam a Bride.
 - a. It is not enough for a man to be Saved, he must have a Bride.
 - b. If a man doesn’t want to have a Church home, don’t fool with him, he’s an impostor, hypocrite, lost.
 - c. Every believer will be led to the local church for service.

III. THE DOCTRINE OF ADAM – Genesis 2:21-3:24 – I Cor. 15 – The “first” Adam is a picture of the “last” Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ. So what Adam was in “type,” Christ was in “fulfillment.”

A. The Messiah – Adam, a Type of Christ – The Created one a Type of the Uncreated One.

1. Uniqueness – Gen. 2:7 – Only man ever formed out of the dust of the ground. He is the only Mono-Adamah – Only one born of Red dirt.
 - a. John 3:16 – “*only begotten son*” – Root word of “begotten” is “gene” (Monogened Son of God)
 - b. There has never been one like Adam and there has never been one like Jesus
2. Jesus was the only “gened” Son of God. In order for us to be saved, we must be “regened” – “regenerated.”

B. The Miracle – Gen. 2:21-22

1. The Saviour – Adam – The Very Image of God – Perfect, Pure and Powerful – Wisdom of God – The Sovereign of Creation – Authority.
2. The Surgery – Prophecy – The Sinless Saviour would be put to Sleep by God – Isaiah 53:10 – “*Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him.*”
3. The Spouse – Vs. 21 – “*he took one of his ribs*”
 - a. A picture of Calvary – Deep sleep pictures His death on the Cross – Typical of our identification with the Lord Jesus Christ.

- b. On the Cross – God opened the side of Jesus – From that wounded, open side, The Bride came forth. Like the rib, BATHED in the rich, red, crimson blood, taken from near the Saviour’s heart.
- c. God woke them up – (Both were under God’s Anesthesia) They were raised up together to walk upon Resurrection Ground through the Garden of God (A picture of the Church).

C. The Marriage – Vs. 22 – “...made he a woman, and brought her unto the man”

- 1. The Bible says God “formed” the man but He “fashioned” the woman. “Fashion” means to go in intricate detail.
- 2. The Bible says God “brought” the woman to the man. A woman shouldn’t be MAN HUNTING but should spend her time GOD HUNTING and God will take her to the right man. Here we find a practical application of how a girl should find a husband.
- 3. Adam never “dated” Eve. Biblical way is marriage first and dating the rest of their lives.
- 4. Marriage has Four Parts and so does Salvation
 - a. Cutting – “leave” – Physically parents, Spiritually repentance.
 - b. Cleaving – “cleave” – Stick like glue – Not until “anything” splits us up, it is until death we do part. Spiritually, it is Saving Faith.
 - c. Conforming – “they two shall be one flesh” – Unity of Purpose, physically, but Spiritually, it is Lordship.
 - d. Communication – “And they both were naked” – Intimacy physically, but Spiritually, it is nothing hid, confession.

IV. THE DEATH OF ADAM – Genesis 5:1-5 – Adam’s death was a result of sin. How did Adam die?

A. Satan Found an Entrance – Gen. 3:1 – “And he said unto the woman”

- 1. Role Reversal – Satan makes a supreme effort to master one – In every family Satan tries to get someone out of their role – Eve. The strong feminist movement now present in our homes and the failure to develop strong male leadership has allowed Satan to make an inroad to our family
 - a. Adam was made to Rule – Eph. 5:23 – “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church.” Man is the Head of the home and the woman is the Heart of the home. The man provides the decision making and the woman provides the emotion. Eve should have consulted Adam before she made a decision. She acted like the man, the Head.
Note: Man created in the image of God is typified in the Home trinity. The Husband is the Controller, the Wife is the Comforter.
 - (1) Attacks the Authority of God’s Word – “Yea, hath God said”
 - (2) Attacks the Accuracy of God’s Word – “Every tree?” Once she added to God’s Word and twice she subtracted from God’s Word.
 - (3) Attacks the Acceptability of God’s Word – Satan persuaded her to act independently of the Word of God – To set up her own rules.
- 2. Ruined Route – Satan got her to Doubt the Word, this led to Denial of the Word, and finally Departure from the Word of God

B. Satan Found an Exit – Vs. 6 – Notice – Three Downward Steps

- 1. “She saw” – A Look became a Lust – Someone has said, “There’s no harm in looking.” A Noted Mass Murderer – Started by reading “Playboy Magazine”
- 2. “She took” – A Desire became a Decision—Satan can persuade but he cannot push.
- 3. “She...gave also unto her husband” – A Sinner became a Seducer
 - a. I Tim. 2:14 – Adam knew better – He was not deceived. He let his heart rule His head. He acted like a woman.
 - b. I see Dads condoning sin, compromising with sin, when they should do what’s right. Quit acting like a sissy, get a backbone! Note: Morality has not changed. Sin still tempts in the same manner.

C. Satan Found an Effect – Satan wrecked this home.

- 1. Sin is Discovered – “They knew they were naked” – When a home is wrecked, the first thing you’ll know is that you made the wrong choice. “Preacher, I wish I had listened.”
 - a. World’s Worst Trade – For One Fruit, they:
 - (1) Lost their Home – In paradise
 - (2) Lost their Happiness – No longer daily fellowship with God.
 - (3) Lost their Hope – Entire family headed for Judgment
- 2. Sovereign is Dreaded
 - a. Cover – When a home is wrecked, they’ll try everything to keep that home together.
 - (1) Money – Recreation – Worldly Counsel

- (2) Only way – Keep that family under the Blood, under the Book.
- b. Courage – When a home is wrecked, they no longer enjoy God, the Church, the Bible, Prayer time. Your home is on the rocks when you dread coming to Church.
- 3. Sentence is Delivered – When a home is wrecked, it’s never the same anymore. All they face could have been avoided.
 - a. War – Vs. 15 – “enmity” – Aggravation, Irritation
 - b. Weeping – Vs. 16 – “sorrow” – Broken Hearts
 - c. Work – Vs. 19 – “sweat” – From Dominion to Dominated

Conclusion: This account in Genesis 3 is 6,000 years old but it reads like Today’s Newspaper Headlines. Morality doesn’t change!