**Bible/College Class Notes - Creation - Lesson 8**

***The Fall of Man into Sin.***

**This week** we learn from Genesis how sin originally entered the heart of mankind.

***For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.* 1 Corinthians 15v22**

**Teaching Notes**

**The Lord God Judges Sin and Promises a Saviour.**

**Today** People think that they are very clever.

Space exploration, Man on the moon, Exploring Planets

Cars, aeroplanes, computers, etc.

Theory of Evolution – No God, No Creator

**Let us look back to the beginning of creation, The Situation Before Adam and Eve Sinned: -**

**God declared that everything He had made was perfect, “Very Good.”** Adam and Eve were perfect: God gave them free wills to choose.

**They were created higher than the Animals**

**Adam from Dust, Eve from Adam. Not from animals.**

**Show Ladder of Access to Heaven.**

Let us look at the blessings that Adam and Eve enjoyed.

1. **Made in God’s image,** **VA1**

Spiritual beings - with an Eternal, God breathed soul.

Able to think, reason, love, and communicate with God.

1. **Living Soul**. Animals do not have souls. **VA2**

An eternal soul that would live for ever.

God’s Law written in their souls’ conscience - to guide them.

1. **Given a beautiful garden, Eden, to live in.**

**A Lovely temperate climate to enjoy VA3**

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1. **They were given dominion over all creatures – animals, birds, and fish.** Also, over vegetation. **VA4**
2. **Adam was given a wife as a helpmeet. VA5**

To cherish each other with human love and kindness.

1. They both had close friendship and fellowship with God.

**How wonderful! Heaven on Earth. VA6**

**Never bored. Always learning.**

**Remember –** No sickness, No pain, No ageing, No death.

No sorrow, No lying, No cheating, No stealing, No coveting, No selfishness, No hatred, No arguing, No bullying, No fighting, No war, No lusting, No fear, No pride.

**Can you imagine? - No Evil, No Sin, No guilt. VA**

**They could live in freedom to please God. Not Slaves.**

**They daily communed with God. What a blessing!**

**They were given only One Rule to obey –** Not to eat of the ‘Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil’.

The penalty was clear - Spiritual **and** Physicaldeath.

They were given freedom to obey or disobey. **VA**

**But They Fell into Sin – How did it Happen?**

**Satan’s charges against God were believed. VA Snake**

***Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?* ‘Hath God said?’** **Genesis 3v1**

**Satan was saying,**

**‘God is unfair** to withhold the Knowledge of Good and Evil from you’.

**‘God is a Liar’** – ‘You will not surely die’.

‘There is more in life to experience – you are missing out’.

‘Believe me, ignore God’.

***Whenever you hear someone say something which you know to be opposite to what God has said you must listen to God. To obey God rather than man.***

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***Say ‘No’ to the lies of man and The Devil. Remember, “Hath God said?” Say Yes, God hath said.***

***Romans 3v4, “Yea, Let God be true and every man a liar.”***

**What was The Original Sin Adam and Eve committed?**

**Multiple Sins – Unbelief, Rebellion, Disobedience, Selfishness, Greed, Stealing, Lust, Pride.**

‘I want to know and enjoy evil, and I can live with that’.

1. **They believed Satan rather than God. VA1**

**Satan tempted Eve. He is the father of all sin.**

1. **This showed how ungrateful they were to God’s kindness and goodness. VA2**

**They saw God as a liar. Agreeing with Satan.**

Initially Eve fell for this lie, but Adam was by her side.

They should have both said, **“Get thee behind me, Satan”.**

1. **They chose Greed. VA3**

They wanted something which did not belong to them.

Withheld by God as it would only bring them harm.

 They both fell into wanting to be **‘as God’.**

 **Taking it would bring spiritual and physical death.**

1. **They demonstrated the sin of pride. VA4**

“I know better than God,

I can cope with this experience of Good and Evil.”

**“I will ignore God and do my own thing.”**

1. **Wilfully Disobedient. VA5**

They went fully against God’s rule.

They should have sought the Lord’s help to resist.

1. **Rebellious – Set Against God. VA6**
2. **Thieves** – They took that which did not belong to them
3. **Made Excuses – Adam blamed God and Eve**

***“The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”***

**Eve blamed Satan.**

**“*The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”***

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**Who did God hold accountable?**

**Satan – Yes, but as a fallen Angel, he was already condemned as evil and destined for eternal Hell.**

**Eve – Yes – She would now serve her husband.**

 **Bare children with sorrow.**

**Adam – Yes. He was God’s first human creation and represented the whole Human Race – You and me.**

**Adam and Eve were thrown out of the Garden of Eden so that they could not eat of the ‘Tree of Life’**

**They lost the right to enter Heaven. Lost it for us too.**

**Life would become hard.**

**God’s curse would bring death, sickness, thorns, etc.**

**Conscience wilfully suppressed** – Excuses to justify their taking the fruit in disobedience to God. **‘Only a little sin’. All sin is offensive to God.**

**The Disastrous Consequences of**

**The Fall into Original Sin.**

**Death - Physical** (the body)

**and Spiritual** (the soul).

Adam died aged 930 years, **Genesis 5v5.**

**But he died spiritually immediately.**

**His spiritual relationship with God was broken.**

**The Whole Human Race** **inherited Adam’s sinful state** - **All are fallen in sin.** All start life with a sinful nature.

**This means that we have lost our Eternal Peace & Fellowship with our Creator God.**

**As such we are not fit for Heaven.**

**The World now groans under God’s curse.** Look around you. We see the clear evidence of sin.

**Do you see it in your own heart and soul?**

**Let us each examine our hearts. Right now.**

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1. **Do you believe Satan rather than God?**

Do you listen to him? Hast God said?

Is God real to you? Eternal, Creator, Judge, Saviour?

1. **Do you take God’s kindness and goodness for granted? Without thanks and true worship?**

**Is God a liar? Do you agree with Satan?**

Are you falling for the lies of this world and Satan?

Like Adam you are responsible for all your actions.

We should say, **“Get thee behind me, Satan”.**

1. **Do we choose Greed?**

Do you want things which did not belong to you?

Withheld by God as it would only bring you harm.

 Do you lust in your heart for sinful experiences?

1. **Do you have the sin of pride in your heart?**

“I know better than God.” “I enjoy my sin.”

“I can cope with this experience of Good and Evil.”

**“I will ignore God and do my own thing.”**

1. **Are you wilfully Disobedient?**

Do you live against God’s rules?

When tempted you should seek the Lord’s help to resist.

1. **Are you rebellious – Set Against God?**

**You have heard the call to repentance and faith.**

**Have you come yet in humble obedience?**

1. **Determined to go your own way and ignore God?**
2. **Are you a thief?** – Taking that which does not belong to you.

Claiming goodness that you do not have.

1. **When your conscience pricks you, do you make excuses? – “It was someone else’s fault.”**

**Do you blame Satan? But we are responsible.**

**You might even blame God.**

“It was my upbringing, I came from a poor, uneducated family, my parents fell out, my brothers and sisters were a bad example and led me into sin”,

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**But none of our excuses will get us out of the predicament that we are in. We are condemned.**

**Romans 8v23, “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”***

***1 Corinthians 15v22, “For in Adam all die.”***

**God Promised His Own Son to be The Saviour of Lost Sinners – you and me.**

(The **‘Seed’** of the woman, see **Genesis 3v15)**.

***The ‘Seed,’ the Lord Jesus Christ, was born of Mary, conceived in the womb by the Holy Spirit.***

***No human father: Joseph was the husband of Mary but not the father of Jesus.***

***The Lord Jesus said –***

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* John 3 v16**

**Important Lesson for us today:**

***God, in His Word, teaches us many Doctrines Major Bible Teachings about God and man.***

1. ***The Fall of Adam and Eve*** *into this first sin is called* ***The Doctrine of Original Sin****.*

*Adam and Eve were our representatives. As we are all related to them, we inherit* ***Original Sin*** *in our hearts and souls at our conception and have a natural tendency to sin against God from our birth.*

1. ***God has come to our rescue.***

***The Gospel,*** *(****the Doctrines of Grace),*** *tells us that He sent His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, Who, as perfect Man, died in our place on the cross; and that God The Holy Spirit is sent to renew our hearts, giving us faith to repent our sin, believe in, and obey the Saviour.*