

Bible Class Notes - Lesson 180 God's Purpose

God's Purpose to Save, Despite a Great Fall

This week we remind ourselves-we inherit the Fallen state of Adam and need a Saviour

Men and women, made in the image of God, changed the truth of God into a lie.

Romans 1v25

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 1v24-31 (God created man in His image)	
Monday	Genesis 2v1-14 (Creation complete, Sabbath rest)	
Tuesday	Genesis 2v15-24 (Eve created from Adam)	
Wednesday	Genesis 3v1-24 (Adam & Eve fell into sin)	
Thursday	Romans 1v16-32 (The just shall live by faith)	
Friday	Ephesians 2v1-22 (Saved by God's Grace)	
Saturday	Psalms 40 (Saved. Established on Christ the Rock)	

Important Lesson for us today: Our journey back to having peace and reconciliation with God starts with a recognition that we have inherited Adam's Fallen Nature. This means that we cannot approach or please The Holy God, our Creator, on our own because we are full of sin and rebellion towards Him. In fact, the Bible says that we are spiritually dead and need the gracious working of God the Holy Spirit to work in us. **Ephesians 2v1, v5.**

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, agreed in eternity past to come as a Perfect Man to take our place under the wrath of His Father and to die on the cross to save us.

We must recognise that we have a fallen nature, and then exercise our conscience to repent.

Hymn 424 – Lifted from sin to a safe place on the Rock of Salvation. see Psalm 40.

1. In loving kindness Jesus came,
My soul in mercy to reclaim:
And from the depths of sin and shame
By grace He lifted me
2. He called me long before I heard,
Before my sinful heart was stirred;
But when I took Him at His word,
Forgiven, He lifted me.
3. Now on a nobler plane I dwell,
And with my soul I know it's well;
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,
He should have lifted me.

Chorus:

*From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me;
From deepest night to glorious light,
O, praise His name, He lifted me.*

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

How God Fits Us For Heaven – From a Fallen State of Sin.

- **At First a Bright Image – God Created Man – Perfect:**
 - Adam was created in the Image of God- A perfect living, eternal soul.
 - A privileged position – with the spiritual capacity to reason and think; spiritually aware of God's existence. Higher than animals – No Evolution.
 - A bright image, reflecting God, our Maker's Holy and Perfect character.
 - Created – fully capable of loving, obeying and enjoying God for ever.
 - We, too, are given by God our own living, eternal soul at conception.
- **Then the Image was Exchanged for a Tarnished One (The Fall):**
 - Adam disobeyed God. He sinned against God. He lost this privilege.
 - Adam freely exchanged his bright image for a tarnished image.
 - Satan changed the Truth of God into a Lie – Adam & Eve Fell. **Genesis 3**
- **Resulting in a Lost Image (Separated from God):**
 - Fallen, with eternal consequences. Sin controls us; death entered in. The wages of sin is death – of Body and Soul. **Romans 6v23**
 - We inherit Adam's Fallen Nature, so, we too, have lost that pure image.
- **Is that Beautiful and Pure Image Lost For Ever?**
 - Thankfully No, God has a glorious Plan to rescue and save Lost Sinners. Even though we fully deserve His Judgement of Holy wrath and anger.
 - He has Predestinated (Chosen) those whom He will save. **Romans 8v29**
 - The Lord Jesus Christ came as Perfect Man to die to save sinners like us.
- **Only God Can Restore Our Image (we cannot do it ourselves):**
 - We must not question or blame God. We are the sinful, guilty ones.
 - God in His wisdom gave Adam the freedom to Obey or Disobey. We now follow Adam and naturally choose to disobey. We are Lost Sinners.
 - Despite this, God, in His Justice, Mercy and Grace, sent His Son from Heaven to die on the cross, taking our punishment so as to rescue Lost Sinners, like us, and restore us back to an untarnished state.
- **Why did God Allow the Fall?**
 - So that we could experience and appreciate His Love, Mercy and Grace.
 - For us to know that God is essential to our current well-being in this life and for our eternal glory, and joy. Without Him we have no blessing.

Hear the Lord's gracious call, "Come unto Me, ...and I will give you rest." Matthew 11 v28.

"But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" Ephesians 2vs4-6