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"Creation Rebels Against Its Creator and the Consequences that Follow"
Congregational Worksheet – Wednesday, February 11, 2009

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#1. THE FALL of MAN.

Our study on Creation last week showed how God created mankind in His own image according to Genesis 1:26.

And we learned that the words _____ and _____ weren't referring to our physical appearance, but it is referring to the fact that mankind has been created with an eternal soul. Which is unlike any other creature that God created.

And as we continue our study through The Book of Genesis, we find that the reason that God created mankind in this way was so that He could have intimate _____ with them.

It is extremely important that we understand that God created human beings for the sole purpose of having a relationship with Him that was vibrant, intact, continual, and progressive.

He even created man _____ and _____ so that nothing would be in the way to hinder or to taint the fellowship that He desired to have with them.

In Genesis 3:8, we get a glimpse of the type of fellowship that Adam and Eve originally enjoyed...

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

This verse shows us that it was seemingly _____ for Adam and Eve to have The Lord actually appear to them and to walk and speak with them in the garden. Which would be the closest physical fellowship man could possibly enjoy.

But during this time period, we see in Gen 2: 16-17 that God also established a system of commandments and accountability into man's life...

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Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Now, it's important to note that up until mankind had received several commandments to obey, but none of those commandments up until this time were _____ concerning their behavior. Meaning all of the commandments up unto this point dealt with things that God had told them to do, but now we see Him giving them commandments of what not to do.

And before this new style of commandment found in Gen 2: 16-17, we see that Adam and Eve had _____ whatsoever submitting themselves and obeying whatever they were told to do.

For instance,

-In Gen 1:28, God commanded them to "Be fruitful & multiply the earth".

A command that I'm sure neither one of them argued with at all!

(Women didn't even experience pain during childbirth at this time).

-Also in Gen 1:20-28 they were told to name and have dominion over all of the creatures that God had made.

-In Gen 2:15-16 they were told to dress the garden and freely eat and enjoy of the fruit thereof.

And The Bible never gives us any type of indication at all that they had any problem whatsoever obeying these _____ style of commands.

But in Gen 2:17, we find God issuing the first "negative" type of command.

Which is where He commanded them for the first time to _____

Themselves from being disobedient after He told them something that they were forbidden to do.

And this is where all of the trouble began. Because in Genesis Chapter 3, we find The Fall of Man taking place in vivid detail.

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Now Genesis Chapter 3 begins with Lucifer in fallen form as a serpent coming to deceive Adam and Eve into disobeying this one restrictive command that God had placed over their lives.

And it is interesting to _____ the strategy that he used to lead to their downfall, with the reason that lead to his .

***THE REASON BEHIND LUCIFER’S DOWNFALL.**

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Notice the 3 Step Process that lead to Satan’s fall from Heaven....

1. He _____ God’s authority.
2. He _____ against God’s will.
3. He resisted being _____ by claiming to be equal with God.

And as you read Genesis Chapter 3, you will find that the reasons behind mans fall from perfection and the forfeiting of their sinless state, follow the exact same progression of questioning, rebelling, and desiring to be equal with God or unaccountable to anyone.

1. Questioning in verse 1.
2. Rebelling in verse 6.
3. And Desiring to be Equal, or Unaccountable to God in verse 5.

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And unfortunately, we also see that their mistake met the same consequence. They were banished out of Eden and plunged into a _____ state. This instance also shows us the first example of Satan's sole purpose towards all of mankind, which is the exact opposite of God's purpose for their lives.

*GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN is too... Maintain an intimate fellowship, have a right relationship, and for us to be in _____ with Him at all times.

*But SATAN'S PURPOSE FOR MAN is too... Break that fellowship and to _____ the relationship that God desires to have with us so we won't be in right standing with Him.

And both of these things will be the main pursuit of both Satan and God until the end of the age.

Neither of their purposes will ever change.

God's Will always be exactly what 2 Pet 3:9 declares it to be...
2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

And Satan's Will will always be exactly what John 10:10 declares it to be...
Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:...

But we can never forget that the only _____ that Satan can use to accomplish his goals is temptation. Temptation is the only avenue that he can use to cause men to fail God.

Simply because all sin has to _____ with the temptation to do it.

And that is exactly how he approached Adam and Eve in The Garden, where we see that this tool accomplished the job it was attempting to do in full.

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But it's also interesting to note that as soon as Adam and Eve were confronted with their sin in Gen 3:8-11, their initial response was to make _____ and to attempt to place the blame on somebody else.

Eve tried to blame the serpent, and Adam tried to blame Eve, but neither of them wanted to accept or even admit that they were responsible for their own actions.

So their sin _____ with a desire to be independent from God, but it ended by proving their accountability to Him.

So we can clearly see that their ability to make excuses didn't cause them to be exempt from the truth, nor did they make them exempt from the consequences that followed.

And unfortunately, this tragic progression didn't stop with the first two humans, but it _____ from this point on.

For instance, the remaining chapters of Genesis describe in detail the many ways and the many times that this process continued in the lives of mankind...

Whether you look at the sin of Cain in Genesis Chapter 4, or you consider the state of the entire world found in Gen 6:5-7, you will find that Adam and Eves failure has been followed by every individual since, in some way, shape, or form.

And that fact shows us one very important thing...

Which is the fact that their initial sin in The Garden affected _____ human being from that point on.

***And The Fall of Man leads us to the next major theme of Genesis, which is the account of The Flood.**

Because of man's sin, mankind had taken _____ out of the fellowship and the right standing that God created them to enjoy.

The Bible goes into great detail concerning the sinful state that the world was in right before The Flood...

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Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And in the following verse, we see the decision that God came to concerning the penalty that would follow...

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

So because of man's sinful condition, we see God instituting a world wide flood as a _____ for their sin.

The account of The Flood is described in detail in Genesis chapters 6 through 8.

But the main points of emphasis are the following...

1. It was a _____ flood.

Gen 8:9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth...

2. Every living thing that was not on the ark was _____.

Gen 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

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But just like Adam and Eve, God tried His best to both initiate and reinstate mankind back into a right relationship with Him before this disaster occurred.

The reason that we know this to be true is because even though Genesis never makes mention of Noah preaching to the people to _____,
The Book of 2 Pet 2:5 does tell us that this is exactly what he did...

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Notice the title that verse 5 gives him, it calls him a _____ of righteousness, clearly indicating that an opportunity was given to the people of that time to repent.

And simply because Noah and his family were the only one's recorded as entering The Ark, we see the response that was given despite his efforts to preach to them.

So we can clearly see that regardless of God's attempts to save mankind from the wrath to come, all of His intentions were _____.

And this story is a perfect example of both the consequence and the choice that God places before every man.

***INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE FLOOD.**

-The _____ of The Flood. Notice that there were 2 sources.
Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Gen 8:2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

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-The _____ of The Flood.

Gen 7:19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

Gen 7:20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

***THE TOWER of BABEL.**

There are two basic interpretations of the account of Babel.

#1. One interpretation says that the sin of Babel is found primarily in V-4 Gen 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name...

And it is believed that the sin of Babel was that the people fell into the same _____ and _____ that both Lucifer and Adam and Eve fell into when they said...

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil...

Meaning that their sin was in building a tower that would enable them to ascend into Heaven and become like God. As if their _____ abilities were so great, that they no longer had need for a "god".

Which would be very applicable today, beings that man thinks they are so intelligent and technologically advanced that they no longer have any need for an Almighty God. To the point where now they even deny His existence.

#2. The second interpretation concerning the account of Babel says that the primary sin of Babel consisted of the inhabitants of earth refusing to obey the many times that God had commanded them to "multiply throughout the _____ earth". As found in Genesis 1:22, 1:28, 8:17, 9:1, 9:7, ect.

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Most scholars that hold this view also believe that the building of the tower wasn't so they could ascend up into heaven to exalt themselves above God, but it was build as a ziggurat, which was believed to act as a ladder that many pagan religions believed would enable "god" to come down to man.

Meaning that they didn't want to raise above God, they simply wanted to _____ with Him. But because they weren't being obedient to what God has asked them to do, we see the result of their efforts in V-7-9.

*But regardless of which interpretation is correct, the consequences stand as proof that God does not submit His will to man's, but man must submit his will to God's.