

Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2010

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Studying the Life Principles of Adam



“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”
Galatians 6:7

Taking Responsibility

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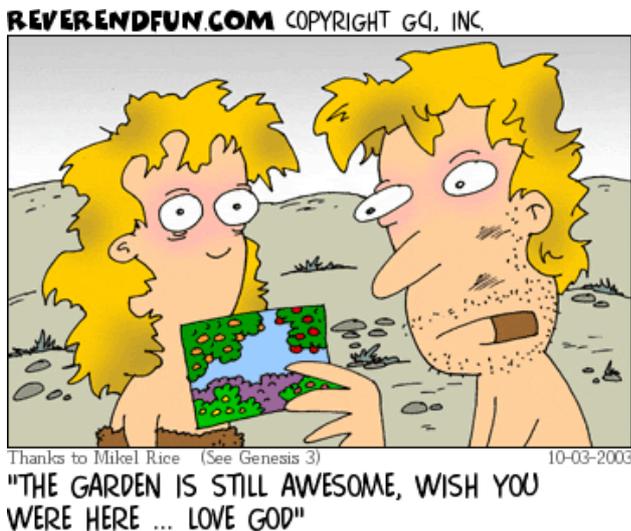
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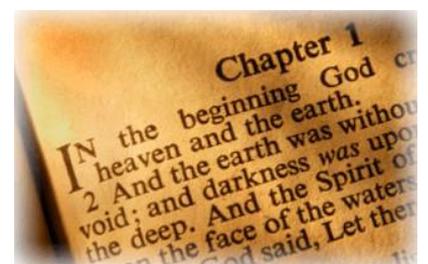
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**"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but
the end thereof are the ways of death."
Proverbs 16:25**



Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
THURSDAY 8TH APRIL			
3:00pm		Arrive at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner	
6:00pm	1 hour	Dinner (<i>Spaghetti, Garlic Bread</i>)	
6:30pm	30 min	Break, Sports Time	<i>Clean-up</i>
7:30pm	1:30 hour	1st Session – Adam’s Walk	– Craig Ledbetter
9:00pm	1 hour	Snack (<i>Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches</i>)	
10:00pm	1:30 hour	2nd Session – Adam’s Work	– Dan Eberly
11:30pm	1 hour	Fellowship Time	
12:30am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
FRIDAY 9TH APRIL			
7:30am	1 hour	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:00am	45min	Quiet Time Devotions	
8:45am	45min	Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Sausage, and Cereal</i>)	
9:15am	15min	Break	<i>Clean-up</i>
9:30am	1:15 hour	3rd Session – Adam’s Sin	– Layton Kelly
10:45am	30 min	Break	
11:15am	1:15 hour	Married – Priorities for your Wife	– Gene McKinly
11:15am	1:15 hour	Single – Preparations for a Wife	– Jerome Pittman
11:15am	1:15 hour	Young – A Child’s Need for God	– Tom Baker
12:30pm	30 min	Lunch	
1:00pm	4 hrs	Hiking and Hill Walking	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:00pm	30min	Break	
5:30pm	1 hour	Dinner (<i>BBQ Steak and Chicken</i>)	
6:30pm	20min	Worksheet: Thoughts on Responsibility – Craig Ledbetter	
6:50pm	10min	Break	
7:00pm	1:30 hour	5th Session – Adam’s Failures	– Les Hill
8:30pm	1 hour	Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Sports Time (Outdoor)	
9:30pm	1 hour	Pop-Corn Preaching (<i>men preaching for 5 mins each</i>)	
10:30pm	1:30 hour	Bonfire and Evening Quiet Time	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
SATURDAY 10TH APRIL			
7:30am	45min	Wake-up, Read Bible & Take Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:15am	45min	Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Porridge and Cereal</i>)	
9:00am	1:30 hrs	6th Session – The Last Adam	– Declan Flanagan
10:30am	15 min	Break	
10:45am	1 hour	Testimony Time and Final Pop-Corn Preaching	
11:45am	1:15 hour	Pack-up and clean-up	
1:00pm	30min	Lunch (<i>Sandwiches</i>)	
1:30pm		Final Clean-up, Leave for Home	



Special Songs

Faithful Men

I am looking to Jesus, giving all in the race,
 pressing upward to gain the heavenly prize!
 Faithful men are my witness,
 who have struggled for Christ,
 and they watch from the grandstands in the sky!

Chorus

Faithful men... have gone before us!
Faithful men... who fight and stand!
I want to fol-low in their footsteps!
Make me Lord... a faithful man!

Jacob joined with the faithful; Joseph followed behind;
 Moses ran with the mighty men of old!
 There was David and Daniel; Then came Peter and Paul.
 Now they shout as they run on streets of gold!
 (*To Chorus*)

End of the last Chorus

Make me Lord... a faithful man.
 Make me Lord, a *faith-ful* man!

A Few Good Men

What this dying world could use, Is a willing man of God
 Who dares to go against the grain, And work without applause
 A man who'll raise the shield of faith, Protecting what is pure
 Whose love is tough and gentle, A man whose word is sure

God doesn't need an orator, Who knows just what to say
 He doesn't need authorities, To reason Him away
 He doesn't need an army, To guarantee a win
 He just needs a few good men!

Chorus

Men full of love compassion, Who'll laugh and love and cry
Men who'll face eternity and aren't afraid to die
Men who'll fight for freedom and honour once again
He just needs a few good men

He calls the broken derelict whose life has been renewed
 He calls the ones who know his Son to stand up for the truth
 Enlistment lines are open and he wants you come in
 He just needs a few good men

To Chorus

This Year's Theme Song

The Adam Song
Adam, Where Are You?



God once made a man, from the miry clay, and He gave him the breath of life.
And the two walked together in paradise, without any sin or strife.
Every tree every plant was his to enjoy, every mount and hill to climb.
But God made a rule that forbade one tree, and with Adam, that was fine!

Adam worked through the day in the garden, and he worked hard for his Lord.
He named every beast, every bird of the air, but none did he adore.
So Adam laid-down to rest a while, but awoke with such a start;
For there stood before him such a beautiful bride, an help, meet for his heart!

Now the serpent was much more subtle - more cunning than you or me.
He walked right up to the woman, and challenged whether she was free.
And in no time she was fallen, and Adam had to make his choice.
And without any faith in his loving God, he hearkened, to her voice!

Chorus

Adam, O Adam, where are you today?
You used to walk beside me - you used to know the way...
But something's come between us, and caused you now to hide;
Your sin has cost you paradise! And Adam, you must die!

As the two once perfect humans, now guilty and ashamed,
Stood before the Judge of all the earth, and refused to take the blame.
They were guilty of forsaking God – the judgment was death for sure!
But a lamb came forth and shed its blood – salvation, was secured!

Final Chorus

Adam, O Adam, where are you today?
You used to walk beside me - you used to know the way...
But something's come between us, and caused you now to hide;
So trust the Lamb that took your place,
a pardon purchased by My grace,
and we'll once, again, abide!

Scriptures to Memorize

Men Taking Responsibility

Meditate on these throughout the Retreat for best effect on your mind and heart!

<p><i>Galatians 6:7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.</p>	
<p><i>2Corinthians 11:3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</p>	
<p><i>Psalms 29:2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.</p>	<p><i>Proverbs 28:13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.</p>
<p><i>2Corinthians 5:10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.</p>	<p><i>1Corinthians 10:13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.</p>
<p><i>Ephesians 5:25</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.</p>	<p><i>Proverbs 16:25</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.</p>
<p><i>Romans 14:12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.</p>	<p><i>Proverbs 31:10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.</p>
<p><i>2 Thessalonians 3:10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.</p>	<p><i>Romans 13:14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.</p>
<p><i>1Corinthians 15:22</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.</p>	<p><i>Hebrews 12:4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.</p>

If You Believe the Bible... Then, You Are Not Alone!

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland
Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God's Men!



- No one is in Limerick
- No one is in Tralee
- No one is in Tipperary
- No one is in Youghal
- No one is in Clonmel
- No one is in Wexford
- No one is in Port Laoise
- No one is in Sligo
- No one is in Enis
- No one is in Castlebar
- No one is in Ballina

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Tallaght

Pastor
McKinley
Good News
Baptist
Mullingar

Pastor
Zemeski
Riverview
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Calvary Baptist
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Cork

Pastor Thatcher
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Waterford

Will YOU join up with us to reach this island with the Gospel?

Session One – Adam’s Walk with God

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig

*“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.” Psalm 29:2*

Welcome to our 15th Annual Men’s Retreat!

I. Introduction

- A. Studying the First Man, Adam.
- B. Studying all Men in general.
- C. We will also study thankfully, the Last Adam, Jesus

II. Background (Gen 3:8) Where are YOU in your Walk with God?

III. Message

A. How Did Adam Worship?

- 1. _____ – Gen 1:27
- 2. Whole heartedly – Gen 2:7
- 3. As a family – Gen 2:18
- 4. _____ – Gen 2:25 – no shame in anything he did
- 5. Innocently – untested. It was easy to worship God

B. Why Did Adam Worship God?

- 1. It was wired into him (John 4:23; Rev 4:11)
- 2. It was right to do
- 3. It was wonderful

C. What happened to Adam’s Worship?

- 1. It was Forfeited (Gen 3:6)
- 2. It was _____ (Gen 3:6; Isa 64:6)
- 3. It was _____ – covered with fig leaves (Gen 3:7)
- 4. It was Feared (Gen 3:8-10)
- 5. It was _____ (Gen 2:17; 3:4; Isa 59:1,2)

D. What’s Wrong with Worship?

- 1. The First problem with Worship is _____ Worship (2Tim 3:1-5; 4:2,3)
- 2. The Second Problem is _____ Worship means: _____
- 3. The Third Problem is _____ for Worship (Matthew 4:9)

E. What’s Right with Worship?

- 1. It is _____ to Worship God Almighty (Gen 24:26).
- 2. It is _____ to Worship God
- 3. It is _____ to Worship God

IV. Restoring True Worship

- A. No man is complete unless he is _____
- B. Why Worship God? _____
- C. Working Worship Back Into Our Lives
 - 1. Picture life without God as it really is – _____, empty, wasted, loser!
 - 2. _____ God - Hunger for God (Ps 63:1,2)
 - 3. Properly _____ God
 - 4. _____ God
 - 5. Praise God
 - 6. Please God
 - 7. _____ Out for God (2Cor 7:1)
 - 8. Perceive God – Listen for His voice (John 10:27) and Obey it!

V. Conclusion

A. How Did Adam Worship?

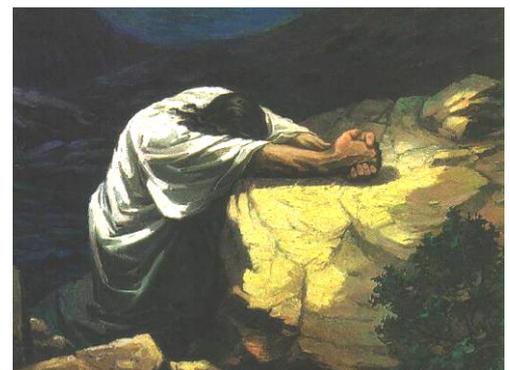
- 1. Naturally – Gen 1:27
- 2. Whole heartedly – Gen 2:7
- 3. As a family – Gen 2:18
- 4. Passionately – Gen 2:25 – no shame in anything he did
- 5. Innocently – untested. It was easy to worship God

B. We need to pay the price to make our own worship...

- 1. Natural again
- 2. From the heart
- 3. Together with others, especially family
- 4. Passionately
- 5. Washed, and cleansed, and holy by the blood of the Lamb

C. And when we are not worshipping, and get backslid, and caught in sin, and away from God, we need to take responsibility and...

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____



Session Two – Adam's Work

Dan Eberly – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Genesis 2:15

In the Beginning: God had a plan and purpose for Man.

1. You were Created to _____

- ✓ Hard _____ work glorifies God (1Cor.10:31)
- ✓ Hard work makes _____ (Prov.12:14)
- ✓ Hard work _____ a man in many ways (Prov. 10:4)
- ✓ A diligent man takes account of his house (Prov 27:23)

The Bible speaks of a slothful person, lazy, idle, waster (Prov 18:9; 21:25)

- ✓ Any excuse not to work (Prov.26:13)
- ✓ Lays in bed all day (vs 14) would starve to death before feeding himself (vs 15)
- ✓ Laziness dishonors your _____
- ✓ Laziness should _____ be rewarded (2Thess.3:10,12)
- ✓ Disorderly conduct comes from being lazy (2Thess. 3:11)
- ✓ Laziness promotes meddling and gossiping

2. You were Created to have _____ (Gen.1:26, 28; Psalm 8:6)

- Dominion = Power to direct, control, rule, use and dispose of at pleasure
- Man was to have dominance over the earth, animals, fish and birds
- Man was to _____ the earth (Gen.1:28)

Sin has dominion over YOU instead of you having dominion over IT
(Psalm 19:13; 119:133)

Men today are dominated by:

- ✓ Their _____ (Rom.6:11-13)
- ✓ Their _____ (Phil.3:14,15)
- ✓ Their _____ – go along to get along, follow the crowd, no backbone
- ✓ Their _____ (Prov.29:25, Matt.10:28)
- ✓ Their _____
- ✓ Their _____ – wives, girlfriends, daughters

3. You are Saved to work like the last Adam

- Jesus was the last Adam (1Cor.15:45)
- Jesus did the work of His Father (John 4:34; 5:17; 9:4)

Conclusion: God's plan for man...

Ask yourself... Am I fulfilling God's plan and purpose for me? Yes or No!

A Man's Quiet Time – Real Men Pray!

Adam and his Walk with God

Here is how to prepare your heart for a daily serious time with God through His word. It will make all the difference when you come humbly before the throne of grace. **Heb 4:16.** We, like Adam, need God's help!

Start with Prayer! Find yourself a place every day to get alone with God. Remember **Matthew 6:6** “*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...*” It is when we are *by ourselves* seeking the Lord that we hear His still, small voice. Start with opening your heart to God. Allow Him to do an inspection of what is in your thoughts and feelings. **Be honest with God, and let Him be honest with you!** **Psalm 139:23** says, “*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.*” Ask God to search you for any sins you have buried in your heart. **Verse 24** says, “*And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*” David, realizing he had often sinned against God, asked for a cleansing. God wants us very clean in our hearts! **Psalm 51:2** says, “*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*” Let God cleans your life as you do the following four things: **1. Acknowledge** – admit to the sins that he digs up in your heart. **2. Confess** – agree with God that you have wilfully done wrong. **3. Forsake** – abandon each sin at the foot of the cross, dumping everything that has separated you from God. **4. Allow** the Holy Spirit, and the power of the Blood of Christ to cleanse you from all those sins. **Pro 28:13** says, “*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*”

Humble yourself. The Bible says in **Isaiah 57:15a**, “*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...*” That's the kind of person God likes! We have a great need every day to humble ourselves as we prepare to walk with God. This means, there must be a **personal brokenness** to cause us to always depend upon the Lord. God wants to fully “dwell” in our hearts, but He will not force His way in, nor will He honour a sinful, wicked heart. Once your heart is clean through confessing prayer, tell God you are coming under His perfect authority, and that you want to obey Him all day long, no matter where He leads you!

Tell God what you need! Cast all your worries, your cares and every need upon Almighty God, who loves to answer our prayers (**1Peter 5:6,7**)! He delights to have our strength renewed in our daily walk with Him. Believe that God wants to give you a peace and strength far beyond what you used to. So, pray about everything! Real men don't fight, get angry, frustrated, or defeated when things don't work out, because real men, pray and trust God to enable them to faithfully do what's right!

Read at least two chapters every day in your Bible! Take the time to read God's word from start to finish. It was written for you to know the truth, and to know His mind and heart. You will only get to know Him by reading through the Bible!

Finally, Thank Him for His Blessings **Col 4:2** says, “*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.*” We have got a lot to be thankful for. Write some blessings on your heart and mind right now. Praise Him for His goodness to you!

Go on now and have a great walk with the Lord... Do It Every Day

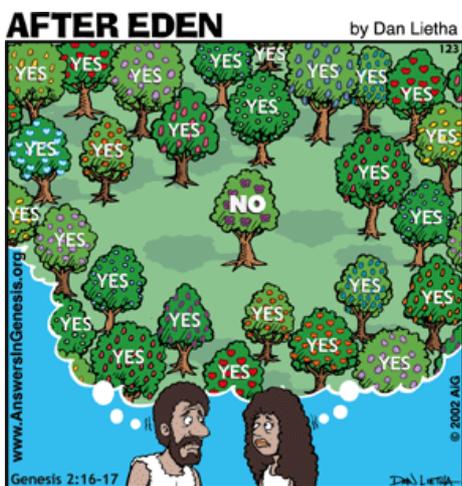
Session Three –Adam’s Struggle with Sin

By Layton Kelly, Director of Reformer’s Unanimous, Tallaght, Dublin

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

1 Corinthians 10:13

Sermon Notes



Adam & Eve think back to what they did wrong in the Garden of Eden.

Worksheet One - Thoughts on Responsibility

**For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing,
whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Eccl 12:14**

A. All men are accountable to God for all their actions! To “take account of” something means to add everything up at the end of the day! (Ecc 11:9; Psa 62:12; Luk 12:2; Rom 2:16; 2Co 5:10)

B. What Are We All Accountable For?

1. Our _____ (Matthew 12:36)
2. Our _____ (Romans 2:5)
3. Our Personal _____ (Romans 14:12)
4. _____ (Philippians 4:17)
5. Our _____ of Others (Matthew 18:23)
6. Our _____ Walk with God (1Samuel 3:13)
7. _____ (Isaiah 3:10,11; Ezek 33:7-9)
8. _____ We Do (Eccl 11:9; 12:14)

C. How Does a Man Fulfil His Responsibility?

1. **Please God _____ (Rev 4:11)**
 - a. Take Responsibility for Your Walk with God (1Pet 2:5)
 - b. Take Responsibility for living a Godly Life (Rom 12:1)
2. **Minister to Your _____ First (1Cor 7:33)**
 - a. **Teach Your Wife and Your Children God's commands.**
 - b. **Take Responsibility for the Spiritual Temperature of Your Home**
 - c. **Take Responsibility for the Carnal Needs of Your Home (1Tim 5:4)**
 - d. **Protect Your Family, especially your Wife.**
 - 1) Keep her cleansed in the word (Eph 5)
 - 2) Keep her burdens light
 - 3) Keep her trusting the Lord
3. **Do Everything for Souls, no longer for self! (Ezek 3:17)**
4. **Take Responsibility When Things Go Wrong!**

Session Four – Necessary Priorities for a Wife

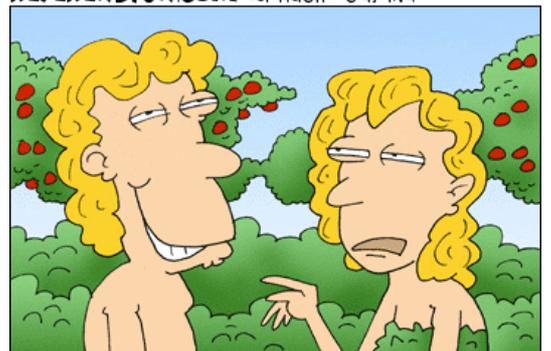
For Married Men

Pastor Gene McKinley – Good News Baptist Church, Mullingar

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” Ephesians 5:25

Sermon Notes

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FOR THE LAST TIME, ADAM, YES ... YOU ARE
THE MOST HANDSOME MAN ALIVE

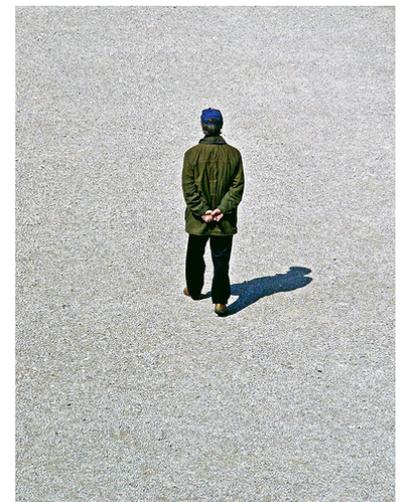
Session Four – Preparing for a Wife

For Single Men

Pastor Jerome Pittman – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Swords

**“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”
Proverbs 31:10**

Sermon Notes



Session Four – A Child's Need for God

For The Young Men and Boys

Tom Baker – Good News Baptist Church, Mullingar

“And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.” Genesis 4:3

I. We _____ have needs! Two young men, _____ and _____ both needed to have a relationship with God. But both set about getting that in different ways.



II. **Adam and Eve Needed God**

A. Why? _____

B. How did they get right with God?

III. **Adam and Eve Knew their _____ Needed God**

A. Because of _____ sin

B. Because of the _____ of sin

IV. **The Only Answer.** God provided a way so that Adam and Eve could be saved from judgement and be right with Him again. What was that way?

V. **It's Time to _____ God (Genesis 4:3)**

A. **Why Worship God?** _____

B. **Cain tries to Worship his Own Way! (4:3) By good _____**

C. **Abel Worships God's way (V4: 4) By the blood of a _____**

VI. **Cain's Worship was _____!**

A. Cain was very _____ with God

B. Can _____ his brother

C. Cain walked away from God and _____ returned!

VII. **Abel is Still Speaking! (Hebrews 11:4)**

VIII. **So WHO are YOU going to be like?**

A. Who was Cain following, and listening to? _____

B. How will YOU get forgiveness for all your sins?

C. How are you going to walk with God like Abel did? **Yes? Or No?**

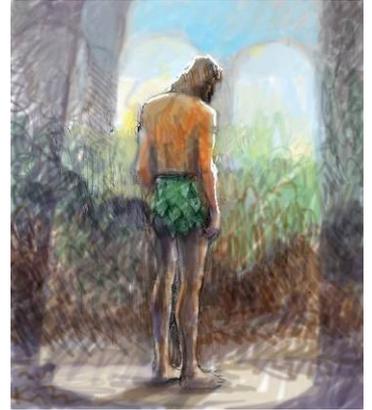
Session Five – Adam's Failures

Identifying and Mastering the Spiritual Failures in Your Life

Les Hill, Pastor of the Gospel Light Baptist Church

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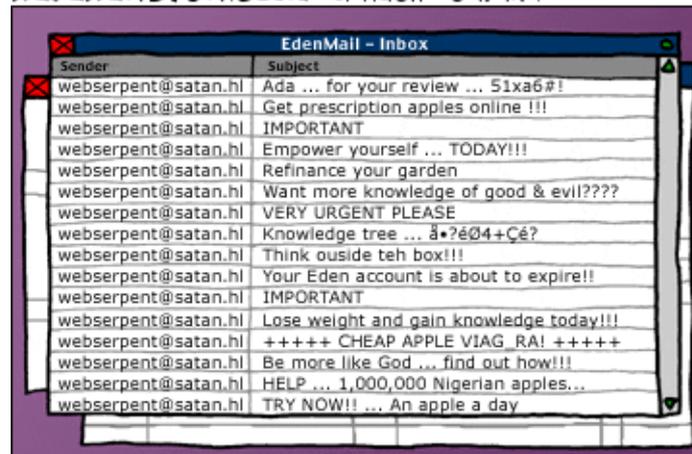
Pop-Corn Preaching

This is a blank page dedicated for YOU to write a quick Bible message so you can preach it when called upon during the Pop-Corn preaching session!

Comparing the First and Last Adam

The First Adam	The Last Adam
Had a supernatural beginning on the earth – miraculously created (Gen 2:7)	Had a supernatural beginning on the earth – virgin birth (Isa 7:14)
Called the Son of God (Luke 3:38)	Called the Son of God (Mt 3:17)
Of the earth, Earthy	Of heaven, Heavenly
Lord of the earth (dethroned). Had dominion over all the earth, and lost it	Lord of heaven and earth (enthroned). Started as a servant, and rose to conquer and claim back all dominion and power (1Cor 15:24; Matt 28:18)
Had the power of creating life, but never made anyone better than a condemned state	Jesus has the power of creating life (Col 1:16), but also redeeming a condemned life
Adam was a living soul	Christ is a life-giving spirit
Adam was tempted, persuaded	Jesus was tempted but NOT persuaded
Mortal, and Corruptible	Immortal, and incorruptible
Disobedient. His disobedience resulted in death for man, both spiritually and physically	Obedient. His obedience results in opportunity for life for man, both spiritually and physically (through the resurrection)
Sinner	Sinless
Obedied the word of his wife (Gen 3:17)	Obedied the word of God (John 4:34)
His disobedience is the root of all sin and death in the world	His righteousness is the root of all holiness and life that there is in the world
Chose death to be with his wife in death	Chose death to redeem His wife from death
Ran and hid from God (Gen 3:8)	Draws all man back to God (Jer 31:3)
All his descendants bear his likeness (Gen 5:3)	All His descendants by faith, bear His likeness (1Cor 15:49)
All people get their first birth from Adam (and their parents)	All Christians get their SECOND birth from Jesus Christ
Because of Adam all mankind suffers death (1Cor 15:22)	Because of Jesus Christ all can be made alive again (1Cor 15:22)
Death reigned because of Adam (Rom 5:14,17)	Much more, Grace now reigns because of Jesus (Rom 5:17,21)

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Session Six – The Last Adam

Why a Man Worships Jesus

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“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” 1Corinthians 15:45

Facts and Figures about Adam

1. Creation Moment of the earth was Sunday morning, October 23rd, 4004 BC
2. Adam was created the First Man on the following Friday morning, October 28th, 4004 BC
3. He was made from moist dust (Gen 2:6,7)
4. Adam was born fully mature, able to speak, think, walk, all at his creation
5. Adam did not have a navel (belly-button) because he had no birth
6. Adam was the first "taxonomist" (gives names to animals) (Gen 2:19,20)
7. Adam was the first genius (a perfect brain of which he used all of it)
8. Adam had the first surgical operation (Gen 2:21)!
9. Eve was created sometime later on Friday after Adam
10. He was the first to fall in love at first sight
11. The Serpent entered the Garden of Eden AFTER Creation Week (because God said on the Sabbath that everything was still good, Gen 1:31)
12. Eve was the first sinner, but Adam was Responsible for the sin
13. Adam was at first a Gardner, and after the fall, Adam became a Farmer
14. Adam was the first man to cover his sin
15. Adam was the first man to fear anything
16. Adam lived a total of 930 years before he died – that's almost 12 times longer than mankind normally now lives!

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. *Proverbs 28:13*



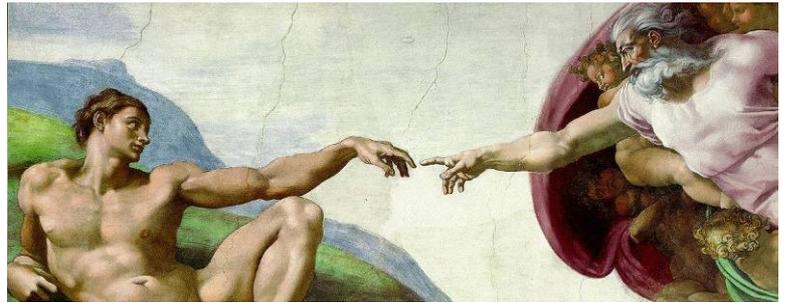
Introducing Adam

God started *everything* out good and perfect, and everything now is falling apart! When you study Genesis, you are looking at why everything is the way it is today. Why it is hard to get a job, and to keep it. Why money never satisfies. Why people grow old and die. Why young people die too early. Why people steal, kill, and lie, and disobey. It is all in there. When you study Genesis, you are looking at the **FALL** of Man, not the **RISE** of Evolution! This study will lay the foundation for all truth, and God set it all down on paper in the Bible for you to learn and live by!



Adam's Creation

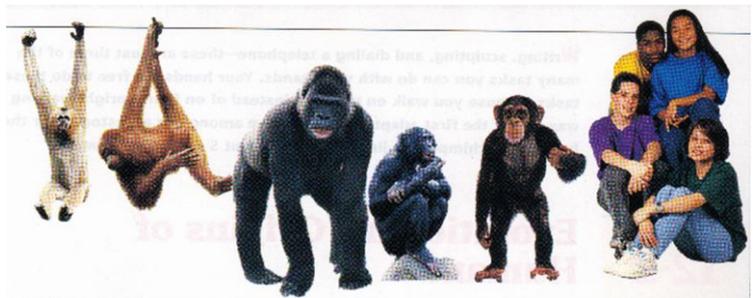
Adam was Created on the Sixth Day (Gen 1:24-31) which would have been the first Friday. *No wonder we all love Fridays!* Adam was created along with creeping things, cattle and beasts of the field (Oxen, Camels, Sheep, Goats, Deer, Lions, Tigers, Bears, etc). He was the second of the last things of all that God made – Eve being the last. Thankfully, neither Adam nor Eve were around to help God figure out what to make next!



Adam was Created out of DUST (2:7). What kind of dust? Mucky, wet dust (2:6,7). We call it “Clay” – Job even says this (Job 10:9; 33:6), as in Potter's clay (see Jeremiah 18). Man was not made out of gold, or platinum, but common, dusty dust!

Adam was NOT created in the Garden, but out of the dust of the earth, and then placed in the Garden. God shows us that Adam (briefly) lived **OUT** of Eden before he lived **IN** it, that he might see that all the comforts of his paradise were owing to God's free grace. He could not plead a tenant-right to the garden, for he was not born upon the premises, nor had any thing but what he received; all boasting by Adam was hereby for ever excluded. A great truth from this is that, He that made us is alone able to make us happy! We cannot find happiness outside of God's directing hand!

Adam was a “kind” – he was absolutely different from all other animals. He, being a “mammal” by our modern classification, does not mean that mankind is only a small step “above” other animals. The difference between a human and the next “nearest” animal is like the difference between a Ferrari and a tricycle!



He was Created Naked (2:25) just like babies are! The only difference was that Adam and Eve were not ignorant or unintelligent. Only innocent.

Adam was Created UNMARRIED at first. This is how **ALL** of us start off – unmarried! He was given his wife by God **AFTER** Adam was convinced that nothing

else in this world could meet his need other than God's provision. But here is a great comfort! Adam was created to be married – wired with the desire to be married, designed to have children – marriage was not an afterthought with God. Marriage has many purposes, but one of them that people forget is so that you can be fruitful – which is a blessing, not a curse (Psalm 127:3-5)!

Adam was created as *the son of God* (Luk 3:38) “Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.”

Adam's Name. “Adam” means “Man” as in “Red” and “Of the earth”, like red clay.

Adam was Created GOOD. God said that ALL that He had created was good (contrast with Matthew 19:17; Rom 3:10), so, ALL of God's creation, including Lucifer, started out good. Adam's soul, Adam's “image” of God in him was good at this point. Sin however will “mar” that image that only Christ can restore (Col 3:10).

Adam's Place in History . He is the Start of mankind. He was NOT some ape, Orangatang, possum, or amoeba. Luke puts Adam as the first Man (Luke 3:38). Jesus said God started with two PEOPLE, not two molecules (Mt 19:4). Everything that we are, we got from Adam's flesh, including our soul. Everything that we can become, we get from Christ's spirit (1Cor 15:45)

Adam's Soul. Here are some tremendous thoughts about the SOUL.

He was actually NOT really living until God breathed into him *the breath of life*. He was only a lump of flesh. No beating heart, no breathing lungs. All living animals had the “breath of life.” Gen 7:22 “All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.” Job 12:10 “In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.” Rev 16:3 “And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.” But Adam was MORE than just a “beast” – he was LIKE God, which is what LUCIFER wanted to be! Man is made in God's image (1:26) with God's likeness. The image of God was in his soul, not in his flesh. In simple terms, Our soul is in the likeness of God. Our emotions are like God's emotions. Our ability to chose is just like how God chooses (Dt 7:7). Our creativity is like God's creativity.

Adam became a living “SOUL” (2:7) The soul of Man was created by the breath of God (2:7) – which by the way is how God gave His word (Mt 4:4). It was a separate creation than his flesh. The man was given LIFE at the moment that he became a living soul. No other animal was breathed into like man was - and yet they were alive, but not like Adam was alive. Adam was not an animal! Adam was made a little lower than the angels, but above all the animal kingdom (Ps 8:4-8) which he was to be in control over.

What is a SOUL? According to GOD, it is something much more precious than any other possession. It just by itself is worth far more than a million euros, or millions of millions of euros ... even beyond billions of euros. The US national debt currently stands at \$14 trillion dollars (about 10 trillion euros) and yet not even THAT amount of money could make a dent in the value of a soul! Jesus says your soul is worth more than this whole wide world. All the oceans, all the mountains, all the continents, all the silver, all

the gold, all the rubies, all the diamonds, all the stocks, all the bonds, all of the resources put together - all of it ... is not worth one single solitary soul!

When God looks at you and me, He sees souls! He sees the human race as SOULS, not bodies. Notice how the Bible talks about people as SOULS! Acts 2:41 “and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” Acts 27:37 “And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.” 1Samuel 16:7 says, “But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

So, **we are more than what we see.** We are a Trinity of a being (1Thes 5:23) Made up of three parts: You have a Body, A Soul, and a Spirit. But the actual truth is, you don't HAVE a soul, you ARE a soul. According to the Bible, God made you a living SOUL! Not just a living body!

So, you are a soul. But, it doesn't belong to you, **IT IS YOU.** You have a body – but you ARE a soul. We are BODY SOUL and SPIRIT - But, what's inside, matters most!

Your soul is that part of you that is the source of all your emotions and your will: It is where your REAL heart is. Your soul is what dreams, wishes, yearns, desires, wonders. It is what decides, chooses, trusts, and fears. It is what loves, hates, enjoys, rejects. Your flesh/body/skin/bones doesn't do any of that! Your soul does all that!

In describing a human, your body is an outer shell that contains something eternal – your soul! Your spirit is an inner shell that contains something eternal – for God's Spirit to dwell in.

Now here is a big truth! Your soul is in the shape of your body and has everything your body has (Rev 6:9). It has eyes, a mouth, a voice, a tongue (see the rich man in hell in Luke 16 have all these things even though his body is in the grave and dead). A soul has a heart, feelings, hands, feet, arms, and legs! All of my outer hands and feet and eyes and skin are only coverings of the real me and my real eyes and hands and feet that are on the inside! So, I repeat, your soul is the only part of you that really matters!

Your soul is “the image of God” in you (Genesis 1:26,27). In simple words, your soul is the REAL YOU! – it is your personality. Your body is only a covering, a shell, a tent that YOU dwell in (2Corinthians 5:1-8) One of these days, we will leave this robe of flesh. Rachel's soul left her before she was buried (Genesis 35:15-19). Paul looked forward to the time of his “departure” (2Timothy 4:6) – same with ME! The Soul of Man is eternal, and immortal because it alone is what was made in the image of God in Gen 1:26,27, and 2:7. It is called the “hidden man” or the “inner man” (1 Pet 3:4; Rom 7:20-23; 2 Cor 4:16-18) and is associated with the heart, will and emotions - not the body and the flesh.

The Condition of the Soul. Now it get's serious. Now if we all stood in front of the Bible like an X-Ray machine, we would see the condition of our soul, and it is not going to be pretty! Modern man is convinced that he is evolving, and improving – Right! Never mind World War 1 and World War 2, the Korean, Vietnam, or Hundred Years War. Ignore all the crime and injustices in the world today. Ignore all the full jails and prisons

– governments can't build them fast enough. Don't worry about all the court cases and the crimes that FILL our streets and our schools. Don't listen to the reports of domestic violence and abuse. Let's look at the infallible record of God's Word and see just what condition our souls are in.

According to Jeremiah 17:9, 10, the heart/soul is "**Desperately wicked.**" We are sinners – breakers of God's laws; rebellious against God's word; resisters of God's Spirit; stubborn against God's will. Ephesians 2:1-3 says before we were born again, we are: Dead in trespasses and sin – spiritually DEAD. We were simply following the course (pattern) of this world (like a stick floating on a river, headed for the falls) – mankind is not following God! We were obeying the prince of the power of the air (like puppets) – not obeying God. We were the children of disobedience - not the children of God! And, we were just living in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath. What a way to talk about "modern man!"



Ephesians 2:12 describes mankind in general as: *Without Christ; Aliens from the commonwealth (riches) of Israel; Strangers from the covenants of promise; Having no hope, and Without God in the world!*

Romans 3:10-18 concludes "As it is written": There is none righteous, no, not one! There is none that understandeth! There is none that seeketh after God. All are gone out of the way. They are together become unprofitable. There is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre. With their tongues they have used deceit. The poison of asps is under their lips: Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: The way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. In other words, we are ruined on the inside – **DEPRAVED!** The word "depraved" means ruined.

Why are we "depraved?" It is because, we love sin – maybe not all sins, but we love OUR sins – to each his own! We love darkness rather than light. We love ourselves rather than God. We love sin rather than righteousness. You would rather be angry than forgiving. You would rather hold a grudge than honour God and humble yourself. You would rather die than get right with God and live His way. We would rather lose our family than give up drink. We would rather lose our health than give up cigarettes! We were BORN this way - Psalm 51:5 says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." At birth, I was a selfish, self-centred sinner! I still am!

Some people childishly hope that when they die, everything goes black, and they just "disappear" – that is a false hope – it is the lie of the devil! Everyone is at risk of losing their soul, unless Someone saves it for them! According to the Bible, the results of our sin are eternal - death (Rom 6:23a). Not just death as in death of the body! No! That would be too easy! No! There is a death that is referred to as an end, that never ends! See Luke 16:22,23; Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 10:28; Matthew 25:41; and Rev 14:10,11! God is referring to a place called HELL – which is a person's soul experiencing the righteous wrath of God for all eternity!

The soul of a man either walks “in the spirit,” or “in the flesh” (Gal 5:16,25; Rom 8:1,5) and is the WILL of the human (Gal 6:8). In other words, the soul is the real person that is in his or her flesh of skin and bones. The soul was given a body by God to be able to relate, and interact with this material and physical world. The same soul was also given a spirit, so that he or she can relate, and interact with God who is only spirit (John 4:24), and not physical. The unsaved cannot related to God, because they are dead toward God (Eph 2:11-15).

PRINCIPLE: Start living like your are a SOUL, not just an animal! God made you in His image, and wants you to live the eternal life. Jesus lived as a soul, not just another guy! Eph 2:1-3 says we have been made alive and we should be living that kind of life now – the Christian life!

Adam's Environment (Genesis 2:5,6)



Adam and Eve lived in a Garden (Eden). This was the "golden age" to which the Greeks looked back and yearned. Man back then lived a "life free from care, and without labour and sorrow. Old age was unknown; the body never lost its vigour; existence was a perpetual feast without a taint of evil. The earth brought forth spontaneously all things that were good in profuse abundance." It is the desire of all mankind today to live again that way, but so few wish to get back in the only way – wh8ich is through Jesus Christ!

There was NO rain at that time. There was just a hot, drenching mist that rose from the ground.

Adam's Garden - The Garden of Eden. Eden was an area located in the middle east BEFORE the flood. The Garden of Eden was a garden inside the area/region called Eden. The land of Sodom was said to be well watered every where, as the garden of the Lord (Gen 13:10). A river flowed out of Eden and went through the garden to water it. That river split into four rivers (2:11-14) – these rivers still exists today, even after the flood: Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, and the Euphrates.

Thoughts about these rivers: The trees of righteousness are set by the rivers (Psa 1:3). In the heavenly paradise there is a river infinitely surpassing these; for it is a river of the water of life, not coming out of Eden, as this, but proceeding out of the very throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev 22:1), a river that makes glad the city of our God (Psa 46:4). Hiddekel and Euphrates are rivers where the captive Jews sat down and wept, when they remembered Zion (Psa 137:1); but they probably had much more reason to weep (and so have we) at the remembrance of Eden!

God planted this garden. He didn't just create it, but carefully, painstakingly planted every tree and flower and bush and vine (2:8). God planted it – probably upon the third day, when the fruits of the earth were made. And, God caused everything to grow.

The Garden of Gethsemane was a shadow of this perfect garden!

This Garden was Adam's HOME. Adam's residence was a garden; not an ivory house, nor a palace overlaid with gold, but a garden, furnished and adorned by nature, not by art. Men have no need to be proud of stately and magnificent buildings, when man was happiest when he had nothing but a Garden! The heaven was the roof of Adam's house, and never was any roof so beautifully covered and painted. The earth was his floor, and never was any floor so richly inlaid. The shadow of the trees was his retirement; under them were his dining-rooms, his lodging-rooms, and never were any rooms so finely hung as these: Kings, in all their glory, were not arrayed like them. The better we can accommodate ourselves to plain things, and the less we indulge ourselves with those artificial delights which have been invented to gratify men's pride and luxury, the nearer we approach to a state of innocence.

Adam's Test - Two Trees are Specifically mentioned.

Adam was Commanded – God commanded Adam to use his free will to chose to obey Him - Adam had free will! Human free will always has a bend toward disobedience, always towards sin. God had to create it that way so that when we choose His way, it is a real choice, not an easy choice!

The Garden had only pleasant fruitful trees (2:9). Did you notice that ALL of the trees were pleasant looking? All of the tree fruits were good for food!

This Garden had all the best and choicest trees. The Garden was beautiful and adorned with every tree that, for its height or breadth, its make or colour, its leaf or flower, was pleasant to the sight and charmed the eye; it was replenished and enriched with every tree that yielded fruit grateful to the taste and useful to the body, and so good for food. But it had two extraordinary trees peculiar to the Garden.



The Tree of Life. This tree's fruit would have given Adam eternal physical life (3:22). It had TWELVE kinds of fruit, and its leaves could heal entire nations of sickness. Rev 22:2 *“In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”* We may be barred from the physical Tree of Life right now, but one day we will have full access to it (Rev 2:7). We must have the right to access it to though (Rev 22:14). Until then, God has given some replacements: Christ is now to us the tree of life (Rev 2:7; Rev 22:2), and the bread of life (John 6:48, John 6:53). God's Wisdom is the replacement for the literal Tree of Life (Pr 3:18). A righteous man's life and witness is a Tree of Life to the lost world around him (Pr 11:30). A fulfilled dream is as a Tree of Life (Pr 13:12). A wholesome tongue is a Tree of Life (Pr 15:4). Do you have access to THESE “trees” of life?

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This also was a beautiful tree – it was plainly very pleasant to the eyes. It offered a healthy looking fruit. It did not “look” wrong, or evil. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil not because it

could give them increased useful knowledge, but, because they would learn good and evil by how they handled it's presence.

The tree itself was good for food. There was nothing wrong or evil about the tree. It just was good not to eat of this tree.

What was evil then? The tree did not cause cancer, or sickness, or pain. It was only evil to eat of this tree. It was just like all the other trees in the garden, but was forbidden – it was a moral command, not a health-based command.

This tree gave Adam an experimental (tangible instead of theoretical) knowledge of good by the loss of it, and of evil by the presence of it.

In these two trees, God set before Adam both good and evil, the blessing and the curse (Deut 30:19). These two trees were presented as two choices. Adam **CHOSE** death!

Why did God put the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden? To test Adam and Eve. Just like He tested Abraham with His command for the sacrifice of Isaac, and tested Joseph to be faithful in prison. King Saul was tested and he failed miserably. Young David was tested while he was waiting in the wilderness to become king, and he succeeded! The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted. And then there was Job – boy was he tested! God allows Satan to test us to find out if we are for real! Have you passed any of God's tests lately?

Eve's Temptation

Background: God set all this up, and allowed Satan into the Garden. God stays silent during this time of temptation – He could have intervened, but he doesn't unless called for (1Cor 10:13)!!! Adam was not nearby Eve when she was tempted. **GET THIS TRUTH!** If Adam was there, he was the most inept, stupid man ever, to have allowed a demon possessed serpent seduce his wife! Adam was **NOT** tempted by the serpent's lies. Adam wasn't there! Adam's temptation, as we shall see, was to turn his back on God and die with his wife instead of calling upon God's mercy and taking her place in death as Jesus does for HIS wife (the Church)! Adam did not hearken to Satan's lies, he hearkened to HIS WIFE - Gen 3:17 "*And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife...*" Eve had to **CONVINCE** Adam to disobey God!

The Serpent (3:1). He was more subtle than any other animal – sneaky, deceptive, even beautiful. This serpent is different to all the other animals – he **SPEAKS!** He was sly, cunning, crafty, wily (Eph 6:11). This clearly refers to Satan who appears here as a snake. Satan always appears in mask – he never appears as he really is! He is a liar and a fraud! Christ says the Pharisees were of their father the devil – a generation (descendants) of vipers. Rev 12:9 tells us this creature is actually "*the great dragon..., that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.*"

Satan Attacks the WEAKER VESSEL. Eve is different than Adam. More susceptible to deception than the man, and Satan capitalises on those differences. He still does!

Satan works on people by: Lying to us; Deception; Half-truths; Manipulation; Instilling Envy, and Bitterness; Pushing us to chose HIS way, yet convincing us that we are



choosing our OWN way (Isa 53:6; 2Tim 2:26). Satan doesn't attack marriage, family, paradise, peace, love – he attacks the foundation of marriage (the Bible and our relationship with God), the foundation of peace, of love, of paradise!

Satan's Process of Temptation and Manipulation.

Satan first gets the woman alone. Adam would have beat the devil out of that snake! Adam knew EVERY animal, and knew that THIS snake didn't belong!

Satan then questions God's words: "*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*"

He next causes Eve to CHANGE to God's word (3:2,3)! Satan and human nature always seeks to tone down the word of God. Eve first TAKES AWAY from what God said "*We may ???? eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden*" – what happened to the word "FREELY"? Gen 2:16 "*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest **FREELY** eat.*" See also Rev 21:6 and 22:17. Eve then ADDS in 3:3, "*Ye shall not eat of it, **neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.***" That was a lie because she and Adam were to DRESS and take care of ALL the trees in the garden, including this tree!

Satan DENIES the word next (3:4), "*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die*" He attacks the authority and sovereignty of God. He actually overrules it! With a blatant lie! Satan convinced Eve, and ultimately Adam to live without God, to make up their own minds and do what THEY wanted, not what God said! He takes away her fear of God! He capitalizes on her lack of understanding of what death meant.



So, THE most satanic work today is not the promotion of abortion, or politics, or oppression – it is not in corporate crime or terrorism. It is in questioning and correcting the absolute word of God!

Satan then causes ENVY and BITTERNESS in the woman (3:5). He accused God of actually holding them back from their potential, and limiting them from being "gods" just like Him. He implied that God was being SELFISH and not sharing His powerful position, which was what he convinced Miriam and Aaron to believe (Num 12:1,2). And Satan also convinced Korah and Dathan and Abiram to believe this about Moses (Num 16:3). Bitterness was Satan's big problem (Isa 14:14), and he was spreading it around! Satan puts the idea in Eve's mind that her eyes were really closed to all this, and that "he" was just being a true friend and HELPING her out with all this information. Satan implies that knowing good and evil was safe, and enlightening, and liberating. THAT'S WHY the liberals in government and in universities and in religions work so hard at forcing the teaching of sex education, and the homosexual agenda.

Then Satan let's SIN do its work (3:6). See James 1:14,15, "*Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin. And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*" 1 John 2:16 explains the attractiveness of sin, "*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. Notice the lust of the flesh*",

Here is the lust of the flesh – “*when the woman saw that the tree was good for food*” she craved it. Her god became her BELLY (Philp 3:19; Eccl 6:7)!

Here is the lust of the eyes – “*it was pleasant to the eyes*” – it was beautiful and attractive. It wasn't horrible looking.

Here is the pride of life - “*a tree to be desired to make one wise.*” Eve had been convinced that eating this fruit would make her as wise as God.

Satan cannot force you to sin, but he can make it very attractive, or very pushy and constraining. She willingly took of the fruit thereof, and did eat.

Eve touched the fruit, and didn't die – handled it. Eve then ate of the fruit and didn't die. Eve now was convinced by her own experiences that God had lied to her, and that the Serpent was right, and that neither she nor her husband needed God anymore! She then went and talked her husband into disobeying God; and he did eat. And they did not die. At least not PHYSICALLY! It was at THAT moment, when she ATE, and then when Adam ate that they died inside – in their spirit!



So, evidently, **It is not a sin to be tempted!** It IS a sin to yield to temptation! Adam, and Eve HAD to have options – a choice to make. Just remember that your decisions affect others, and may help others make right or wrong choices later! There was no sin in being tempted – Jesus was tempted. There was no sin in debating. There was no sin in struggling. But when you ACT in defiance, in disobedience, KNOWING the consequences, then you have sinned!

Even though she was tricked and deceived, she was doomed under the wrath of God. Probably, Eve feared losing her husband, and he getting another wife after her death, so she caused him to disobey God so he could die with her!

What Eve SHOULD have Done? Fled from the uncertain, from what she knew was not right – like Joseph did (Gen 39:7-12). The need is for a submissive wife and a leading husband. Eve should have dragged that serpent to Adam! Instead she compelled her husband to follow her lead! She should have asked her husband what to do – humbling, but beneficial for both the wife and the husband (1Cor 14:35). Submitted herself to God (obeyed what God said), and then turned to the serpent and commanded him to flee (Jam 4:7)!!!

Adam's Choice

Adam's Temptation was Different than Eve: Eve was tricked/deceived – human nature can be tricked! Adam was NOT tricked – he was persuaded by his wife (Gen 3:17). As was Samson persuaded by Delilah (Jdg 16:16). As was Abraham by Sarah about taking Hagar to be his wife. Adam wilfully chose to disobey God's clear command. 1Tim 2:14 says, “*And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*” Heb 10:26 “*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.*”

Adam, of his own FREE WILL chose to obey his own love for his wife, and disobey God. (See Josh 24:15; 1Kings 18:21; John 6:67) Simply put, He chose his wife over God! He didn't trust that God would do right and help his lost wife. Adam ate with full knowledge. He decided to fall away from God WITH his wife. He knew he would die, so he disobeyed in order to die with her. He really did love her enough to die with her! He rejected his fear of God and of the consequences of his sin, and instead feared losing his wife. He chose to die (Dt 30:19) as Jesus will!



What Should Adam have done? Adam should have offered to die in her place. Adam should have grabbed her and brought her before the Lord and fell on his face and begged God for mercy. Example of Ninveh – “shall be destroyed” is just like God's declaration “ye shall surely die”, yet God had mercy! As was shown by God providing lambs in place of both Adam and Eve!

The Price/Effects of Sin (3:7-19)

Well, earlier in the story, in chapter 2, God brings the woman to Adam. They were both naked and were not ashamed. Now watch what happens after they have disobeyed God by eating the fruit from the tree that was forbidden.

- 1. The first thing that happened was that SIN entered the world!** Not through Satan, nor through Eve, but through ADAM (Rom 5:12)!
- 2. The eyes of both of them were opened (3:7).** When I know that I have done wrong there is no denying, reasoning, or rationalizing. I know that I have done wrong. I have sinned. My eyes are open. My eyes have been so OPEN TO SIN – I now want my eyes open to God, His Spirit, His blessings, His Word
- 3. Their spirits were marred (ruined).** At the Fall, that “image” that God had created IN man was ruined or marred. The moment they disobeyed God, their spirit's died within them (Eph 2:1). Sin is like a cancer in the heart of a man's being. It ruins the man and damns him at last! At the vary DAY of the disobedience by Adam and Eve, something DIED (Gen 2:17). Their bodies did not die immediately - they began to physically die, yes. But God had said that “in the DAY that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” So, something MUST have died when then sinned. That death (not dealing primarily with the physical death) was passed upon all humans (Rom 5:12) in that we inherited not God's image, but Adam's image (Gen 5:1-3), which is a ruined image of God IN us. This was the condition of all humans until Christ came and restored the image (2 Cor 4:4; John 1:14; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15; Philp 2:6) by His death and their new birth.
- 4. They tried to cover it up** (nakedness, sin, shame) (3:7). Our first instinct is to cover up our disobedience and not admit it. Not only from God, but, also from people.
- 5. They were Embarrassed, Hiding from God.** They tried to hide from God (3:8). They heard the voice of God – God's WORD was walking in the Garden. They had ALWAYS been comfortable with the voice of God. Now they were afraid of it – just as Israel was at the voice of God at Mt Sinai (Ex 19:16; 20:18,19). When I have committed

sin, especially ones that I consider my worst, I don't want to be around the people of God. I don't want to hear or read the Word of God. I don't want to hear music singing His praises. It is not because I my feelings about Him have changed. It is because I feel naked, I feel ashamed. I feel unworthy and unclean. And yes, I feel afraid like Adam and Eve and hide from His presence.

6. They were afraid (3:9). Of facing Almighty God; Of dying. Some things we all STILL fear to this very day! Or at least we ought to!

Thankfully, God came looking for Adam and Eve (Gen 3:9), "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" **God went and looked for ADAM first! Adam was responsible, and Adam was primarily to blame! Oh that we took the responsibility as men!!!** GOD had to act, or mankind was lost! See Isa 53:6, and Isa 29:13 "[They] have removed their heart far from me". God did not go looking for Adam and Eve to find them, but to let them see themselves hiding from Him! Called out for Adam! "Where art thou?" Think about it - If God had not called out for Adam, to reclaim him, his condition would have been as desperate as that of fallen angels – abandoned to sure judgment (2Pet 2:4) with no hope!

Serious Truth: However far you may get away from God, you will have to come close to him one of these days. God and you have to meet, as surely as you are now living here; at some time or other, each one of you must hear the voice of the Lord God saying to you, as he said to Adam, "Where art thou?" So, where are you? Aren't you glad that God calls all men back to Himself? And God still uses His VOICE – His WORD! John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 14:24 "the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." Luk 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. Luk 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it. Luk 8:12,13 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. Deu 4:33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

There is a divine voice that continues to call even today. It is the voice of the Creator, God, and it is entreating them. Just as the shepherd went everywhere searching for his sheep, just as the woman in the parable went everywhere searching for her coin, so there is a divine search with many variations of the voice that entreats us, calling us back. If we were not lost, there would be no Father's voice calling us to return, calling us back. So, we have not been given up. Adam fleeing from the face of God, hiding among the trees of the garden. It was then that the sound of God's gentle voice was heard, saying "[Adam,] where art thou?" (Genesis 3:9).

His seeking voice has never died out! The echo of that voice is sounding throughout the widening years. It has never ceased to echo and re-echo from peak to peak, from generation to generation, from race to race, and continent to continent, and off to islands

and back to the continent again. Throughout all of man's years, "Adam, where are you?" has been the faithful call.

God Reasoned with Adam, and then Eve (Cf Isa 1:18). God makes them realize their lost condition. Do you not see that this is implied in the question, "Where art thou?" Adam was lost—lost to God, lost to holiness, lost to happiness. God himself says, "Where art thou?" May God the Holy Spirit convince every unconverted person here that he or she is lost—not only lost to themselves, and to heaven, and to holiness, and to happiness, but lost to God. It was God's lost ones of whom Christ so often spoke. He was himself the good Shepherd, who called together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost"; and he represents his Father saying of his son when he has come back to him, "'This my son was dead'—dead to me—'and is alive again; he was lost'—lost to me—'and is found.'" The value of a soul to God, and God's sense of loss in the case of each individual soul, is something worth thinking over, and worth calculating, if it can be calculated.

Notice the Lord not only came to Adam, and questioned him personally, but also made Adam answer him back! God made him TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for his actions!

Adam admits some things (3:10). Admits he is afraid! Funny how he won't admit that he has sinned!!! Admits he is naked, and ashamed of his nakedness instead of his disobedience Admits he is hiding, but it is like it is GOD'S fault that he is hiding – that GOD is just too scary, and too threatening. It is like Adam is saying he has GOOD REASON to hide! Not because of his sin here, but because God is just plain mean, and a big bully! But there is **No clear admittance of sin, but at least of guilt.** Adam and Eve (and every sinner) MUST admit guilt

Great Examples of Repentance – showing the kind of attitude to have! Jdg 10:15 And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, *We have sinned*: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. 1Sa 7:6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, *We have sinned against the LORD*. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. 2Sa 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, *I have sinned against the LORD*. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Psa 41:4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for *I have sinned against thee*. Psa 51:4 *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight*: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Luk 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, *Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee*,

7. They No longer cared about each other – only about protecting themselves – they began to pass the blame around! **Adam blames his wife, and ultimately GOD** (Adam was a Calvinist) (Gen 3:12). The woman whom thou gavest to be with me. SHE gave me of the tree. Places his sin LAST, "and I did eat."



God Challenges the Woman (Gen 3:13). What is this that thou hast done? Eve then blames the serpent "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." She didn't know who or

what was the spirit behind that temptation, just as James and John didn't know what was behind THEIR attitude (Lk 9:55)

God then passes judgment (Gen 3:14-19)

The justice of God demanded that they had to DIE! DEATH passed upon all men (Rom 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14,15) as a judgment introduced into time, that had not been there before. And it wasn't just ONE type of death, but a death that affected all three parts of a human life: ***Spiritual death*** - dealing with the death of the spirit. Paul refers to the Christians at Ephesus as having been DEAD in sin before their salvation (Eph 2:1), and now were resurrected (quicken). Adam and Eve died instantly and completely the moment they disobeyed, even though Satan said that they would not die (Gen 3:4). Their spirit died, and had to be regenerated, or born (given life) all over again (Tit 3:5; John 3:3-7). ***Physical death*** - dealing with the death of the body. The body of man is mortal, temporary (Gen 3:19; Eccl 3:19,21). Adam died physically 930 years after his sin (Gen 5:5). At death, the body is not destroyed, because it will be resurrected (Dan 12:2). So, physical death is neither destruction, nor annihilation. ***Eternal death*** - this is the death of the soul (Rev 20:11-15), which is the Second DEATH for the person that was born already DEAD spiritually, and died physically without having their spirit made alive! If a person experiences this death, it is because they rejected their only hope in Christ, and they are eternally lost.

Judgment Upon the serpent first: "Because thou hast done this – you were behind all this, NOT GOD! You are discovered, even though you are disguised! Thou (the snake part) art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."

Judgment Upon Satan next (Gen 3:15). This is the first Gospel Message of the Bible!!! "I will put enmity (warfare, conflict) between SATAN and the woman. I will put enmity between SATAN'S seed and her seed" Eve's seed shall bruise SATAN'S head, and Satan shalt bruise the Messiah's heel.

Judgment Upon the Woman (Gen 3:16). This is judgment upon ALL women thereafter! I will greatly multiply thy sorrow; I will greatly multiply thy conception; In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; Thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee. (See 1Tim 2:11-15).

Judgment Upon Adam (Gen 3:17-19). Your judgment is because: Thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife. You considered what your wife said as MORE true than what GOD said. You obeyed your wife instead of GOD. You did your wife's will instead of God. We ought to obey God rather than men (or women)! God continues, "Thou hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it" which was BLATANT DISOBEDIENCE

Judgment On the Ground. Cursed is the ground for thy sake! What you came from is now against you! It used to bear fruit easily – now it will only do it by hard work. In sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Judgment Upon all Mankind. Death – A day to the Lord is as a thousand years (Ps 90:4; 2Pet 3:8). Adam, Eve, and even Methuselah all had to die before the 1,000 year day was passed. No one lives beyond 1,000 years.

The death of an innocent lamb in all our place. This was a result of Adam's sin! They were going to die that very day (Gen 2:17) if it hadn't been for some lambs!

They were both DRIVEN from the Garden – no longer going to live in paradise. Of all the judgments upon Adam and Eve, the expulsion from the Garden of Eden was the heaviest to bear. They would be able to see where they used to live, and smell the fragrance of the flowers, and hear the birds, and then see the Angel standing guard, blocking them forcefully for ever from entering again into the Garden.



God kept Adam and Eve away from the Tree of Life (3:22-25). The man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. The problem: Lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever; Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. Adam and Eve would have lived forever in a body that would be prone to sin, and would never be free from sin's pull. By Adam and Eve ultimately being allowed to die later, it would free their soul to obtain a new body, and complete freedom from sin (Rom 6:6,7)

So God DROVE out the man, and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims (the mightiest angel), and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

It was so important that Adam and Eve and their descendants NEVER get access to the Tree of Life (3:24).

So, what is the price of disobedience? Hard, sweaty, dismal work – not social welfare. Hard, unpredictable relationships – you and your wife will have to work hard at getting along. Hard, painful labour for the woman. Hard, discouraging time raising children - they will be just like you were. Hard, stubborn, rebellious hearts – towards accepting responsibility. Hard time submitting to authorities – it will always be hard. A hard, sworn conflict between us and Satan – a war he wants to win! So should we! The hard loss of paradise – you cannot go back, BUT, you can go forward! The harsh, final judgment upon mankind was that Death would win in the end! What a way to blow life!

Notice that the curses he received were simply because Adam had listened to his wife (3:17) instead of to God. If you listen and believe or obey anything other than God, you can be sure, the spirit behind that authority in your life is of the devil, and will ruin you!

Adam's Salvation (Gen 3:20,21)

Adam and Eve are truly lost, condemned, and doomed... but not abandoned! Lam 3:22 reminds us, "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

God's Promise of a Fight (Gen 3:15)

This is the first Gospel Message of the Bible!!! What is the Lord is doing? “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” God promises, “I will put **enmity** (warfare, conflict) between SATAN and the woman. I will put enmity between SATAN’S seed and her seed. And that Eve’s seed shall bruise SATAN’S head, and Satan shalt bruise the Messiah’s heel!”

This is this why women have suffered so many cruel injustices throughout history! This why they have been treated as 2nd class citizens. Enmity between the devil and the woman. Satan is behind all that women have suffered throughout history. Why? Read the last part of the verse: ..between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed.. This is understood to be a prophecy of the Messiah, Jesus.

Ever since that moment there has been warfare between Satan and anyone who tried to live for God! But, through a virgin a perfect Son would be born who would finish the fight! It was not through the seed of man that the Messiah would come. If you know your biology you know that a woman does not produce a seed. She receives seed from a man. So how can this verse be fulfilled, and, a woman produce the Messiah?

Even though doomed, Adam called his wife's name “Eve.” Adam turns and faces his wife, and instead of seeing the woman who brought death into the world, and would one day die herself, Adam looks at her, and confidently calls her a new name – Eve! He calls her “The Mother.” Not a sinner, not a killer, not his downfall, but part of his hope! Adam and Eve had gotten some hope from somewhere! He looked forward to children, and what God would do in spite of their own failures and sins!

God provided a SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH in the place Adam and Eve (Gen 3:21). Someone HAD to die (Gen 2:17; Rom 6:23a). God killed two large lambs right in front of Adam and Eve. Skinned those animals – blood everywhere. God made COATS (not apron sized) out of those skins. He helped Adam and Eve put on those coats. They would wear those coats as a reminder of the cost of sin.



NOTE: *Salvation only follows awareness of condemnation.* Whether from our own conscience or from the law of God in His word. So, to be saved from the wrath of God, a person MUST understand and accept the fact that they are lost and condemned and without hope without God intervening!

From that day, Adam and Eve went on and had children and raised them knowing they too were in need of a lamb to restore the relationship with God that they had lost and so desperately needed!



Final Review

Questions to ponder and answer from this Retreat's study of Adam's life.

1. What was Adam's first response when confronted by the Lord after he had sinned in the garden? (Gen 3:11) _____
Principle: **Take Responsibility as the head of the home**
2. What should have been Adam's first priority and/or response when Eve came to him with the fruit? _____
Principle: **Obey God's Word, faithfully!**
3. What was Adam's first responsibility in the garden after he was created? (Gen 2:15) _____
Principle: **Men are to work!**
4. What did Adam do when God came looking for him after his disobedience? (Gen 3:10) _____
Principle: **Take responsibility for your own personal actions.**
5. What was required on Adam's part (and ours) to truly worship God? _____
Principle: **Fear, obey, and love God first and foremost** (Study also Gen 22:1-14)
6. How should we make decisions for our homes and families according to Genesis 2:16,17? _____
Principle: **Study your Bible so that your decisions are right according to God!**
7. How important is the relationship between a man and his wife in relation to parents and extended family? (Gen 2:24) _____
8. What kind of bond does a marriage involve? (Gen 2:24) _____
Principle: **Take responsibility for the failures in your marriage and keep it from falling apart!**
9. What is not good for man? (Gen 2:18) _____
Principle: **God designed your wife is designed to be your companion, your best friend! Listen to her, and look to her for help in making decisions!**
10. Why was the woman made for the man? (Gen 2:20) – _____
Principle: **The woman is the completer of the man, making up for his lack! Thank God for her being what you are NOT!**
11. Why is the man's role the "head of the home?" (Gen 2:19,22,23; 3:16) _____
Principle: **If you are married, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for your home! Don't leave it to your wife or your mother-in-law!**
12. What excuse do you have for a continuing sin in your life? _____
What is stopping you now from ignoring that excuse and defeating that continuing sin? _____
What will it cost you to get the victory over that sin? _____

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. *Romans 13:14*

Prayer List

“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” Luke 18:1

For Salvation (2 Pet 3:9) *“God is not willing that any should perish...”*

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For Christian Growth (2 Pet 3:18) *“but grow in grace”*

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Anything Else – maybe your own needs



The future population of Earth appeared doubtful for quite a while until Adam & Eve finally kissed and made up.



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