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for Young People

Genesis 3:15

Class 12

Transgression in the Garden

Last Class:

- We looked at how Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of **GOOD** and **EVIL**
- We learned the **GOOD** was the pleasant things that seem **GOOD** to a man but the end thereof is **death** – which is the ultimate **EVIL** consequence.
- We learned that Adam and Eve’s eyes were **OPENED**
 - They became experienced in what they believed were **GOOD** things
 - They **KNEW** – **YADAH** – by experience as they had become partakers
- We also learned that there were three consequences from these:
 - fear
 - shame
 - concealment
- We also learned that “in Christ” these three things are removed.

A physiological change

Three changes took place in the garden

1. They adopted the thinking of the serpent
2. Their eyes were opened – became aware of sin
3. They became dying creatures

Adopting the serpent’s thinking

This happened when they believed the serpent instead of God and acted on their belief

- They listened to what the serpent had to say
- They decided what he had to say was right
- They acted on their belief

The **ADOPTED** the serpent’s thinking – and it became part of them:

- The reverse of what we read of in Phillipians
*Philippians 2:5-7 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

By doing this they no longer needed the “serpent” to put ideas into their heads

- They had taken the reasoning of the serpent and made it their own.
- It was now natural to them to think in ways contrary to what God thought

Isaiah 55:6-9 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked **forsake** his way, and the unrighteous man his **thoughts**: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **For my thoughts are not your thoughts**, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.***

- Their hearts now had the ability to deceive themselves:

Jer 17:9-10 ***The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:** who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*

- It is impossible for man to “know his heart” – but God knows it

- The ‘heart’ of man is a term synonymous with his feelings and his thoughts

Mark 7:20-23 *And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts,** adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

- If you think about it – we know this is true
- At home when mom or dad does something we don’t like – we think evil thoughts –
 - How can we get around this?
 - Why should I do this?
 - How can I get what I want even though I’ve been told otherwise?
- We start to come up with ways of disobeying – and pleasing ourselves
- These are CORE issues – this is the mind of the flesh speaking to each of us.

Adam and Eve had one major commandment – and they blew it.

- Do you think if you only had **one** commandment you could do it?

Colossians 3:20 *Children, **obey your parents** in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

- Every time it comes into your mind to disobey your parents – this is the thinking of the serpent

You all have the same problem the rest of us do.... Flesh

Romans 8:5-9 *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to **be carnally minded is death;** but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in*

the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

That is why God condemned FLESH to death:

Genesis 3:17-19 *And unto Adam he said, **Because thou hast hearkened** unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 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.***

- This was the natural consequence of the actions of Adam that God had warned him about:
Romans 6:23 *For the **wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

This consequence was passed down onto all mankind:

Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

So – WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE ALL FACE?

- Going to happen to every single one of us
- A problem that must be solved – for everyone to live forever?
 - REMOVE DEATH?

God prevented man from eating of the tree of life and living forever:

Genesis 3:22-24 *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, **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. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

- Man was barred from the garden
 - So that he couldn't eat of the tree of life and live forever
 - Was this fair?
 - Was this right?
 - YES – it was merciful that man should not live forever in a sinful state
- REMEMBER:
 - WAGES OF SIN = DEATH
 - Death → result of SIN → comes from temptation → Comes from Lust of Flesh
 - To destroy DEATH – you have to destroy flesh

To reverse all this what would God have to do?

- Give man eternal life – human salvation?
 - Why or why not
- Solve the environmental problems - make it easy for man to live?
 - Why or why not

Solving the problem:

God had a plan for this:

Genesis 3:15

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.

Two seeds:

- The Serpent's seed
- The Woman's Seed

The SEED of the SERPENT:

- This is the "FLESH" – and all those who are "of the FLESH"
- We all fall under this category to begin with

The WOUND inflicted by he SEED OF THE SERPENT

- This would inflict a TEMPORARY wound on the Seed of the WOMAN

Wounding the Serpent's Head

- What do we do with our heel?
 - Walk – our daily existence.
 - What would happen if we CRUSHED your heel
 - Temporary Setback
- What goes on in the head?
 - The thoughts
 - If we were to CRUSH your head – what would happen?
 - You'd be done.

CRUSHING THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT

Hebrews 2:14-18 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same**; that **through death** he might **destroy him that had the power of death**, that is, the devil [diabulos]; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Strong's – DEVIL: **1228 diabolos { dee-ab'-ol-os}**

from 1225; TDNT - 2:72,150; adj

AV - devil 35, false accuser 2, slanderer 1; 38

GK - 1333 { διάβολος }

1) prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely

1a) a calumniator, false accuser, slanderer,

[What had SERPENT done – deceive EVE – by telling a LIE – he was a "false accuser"- this is what the flesh is – it deceives us]

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. **[What had eve done? Wanted to be equal with the anges]**

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

- THROUGH death he would DESTROY the CAUSE of DECEPTION – the thinking of the flesh.
 - Annihilation of the ROOT CAUSE

Romans 7:11 For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived** me, and by it **slew** me.

Romans 7:18-21 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, **it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.**



- If you want to eliminate **DEATH** you must eliminate **SIN**
 - **Because: “the wages of sin is death” – Romans 6:23**
- To eliminate **SIN** you must eliminate Deception of the Lusts of the Flesh
 - **Because: “Every man is tempted when drawn away of his own lust and enticed”–Jas 1:13**

Jesus Recognized that his “flesh” deserved to die.

- He put it to death on the cross
- He recognized that FLESH deserved to die...
- That is why:

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

How do you put to death FLESH

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Christ was tempted – but didn't give in

Hebrews 4:14-16 *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

- He put the thinking of the flesh to death every day
- Christ came in the same flesh – had the same nature, the same temptations – and was tempted like us – but didn't sin
- He killed the thinking of the flesh
- Finally – he killed the flesh - showing that it wasn't good enough.

Hebrews 5:8-9 *Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he **became the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him;*

Those who agree with God – that flesh deserves to die

- Who commit themselves to joining Christ – living lives of righteousness and in so doing putting to death the flesh
- Those people who become part of God's purpose
- God is willing to give them a place in the kingdom.

1 Cor 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, even **so in Christ shall all be made alive**.*

- Requires us to resign this world and transfer our citizenship to Christ
- This is done by baptism.

REMEMBER: GOD MANIFESTATION – NOT HUMAN SALVATION IS THE GRAND PURPOSE OF THE ETERNAL SPIRIT

The SEED of the WOMAN

- This is a miracle birth
- Women don't have "Seed"
- God would create this child by a miracle birth:

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**. [God with us]*

2 Samuel 7:14 ***I will be his father**, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

John 1:13-14 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Luke 1:31-35 *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

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