

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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Adam’s Destiny

*“for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”
(Genesis 2: 17)*

My Dear beloved friends in Christ, I ask the simple question: Are Adam and Eve among those of God’s elect heirs of grace?

Let us listen to the words of the Holy Writ as recorded, “And the Lord commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; 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” (Gen. 2: 16-17).....

Now, as recorded in chapter 3 of Genesis, the serpent (Satan) put a unique spin on the matter, saying, “And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doeth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3: 4-5).

Now, Eve did partake of the fruit, “She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” (Gen.3: 6-7). You notice that the serpent was correct in saying, “your eyes shall be opened.” Yes, indeed, their eyes were opened alright; and for the first time, they saw the shame of their nakedness and were made aware of good and evil, as the serpent stated.

Adam and Eve for the first time were made aware of good and evil. And the serpent, as well, was somewhat correct in his statement, “Ye shall not surely die” (Gen. 3:4). For they DID NOT DIE PHYSICALLY, but, per the divine decree of God Almighty, they did DIE SPIRITUALLY as their disobedience was now manifested to them; knowing good and evil.

Now, listen to God's word, "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as ONE OF US, to know good and evil: (another correct statement by the serpent) and now least 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" (Gen.3:22-24).

Now, let us focus on the spiritual condition of the first created human race; mankind. I have heard preached most of my Christian journey that because God was gracious to clothe both Adam and Eve with the skins of animals, covering their nakedness was speculative and an assumption of the Lord God's divine favor, causing one to believe that such gesture was a sin covering. I repeat, that is a mere assumption and speculation and not a divine truth supported by the scriptures.

May I ask the following questions?

1. What scriptural evidence can one find that gives any fact that either Adam or Eve manifested a contrite heart toward the Lord God for their disobedience? They hid from God.
2. Where in the scriptures is there any evidence that Adam or Eve were granted divine repentance for their disobedience?
3. Where in the scriptures is there any evidence that Adam and Eve attempted to worship the Lord God?
4. Isn't it interesting that in the book of Hebrews, chapter eleven, the writer never addressed Adam as a patriarch of faith, but listed Abel the first man of faith (Heb. 11:4)?

Please consider the following with me: "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (I Corin. 15:47-49).

In conclusion, I find no evidence where Adam or Eve was ever granted divine grace to honor, worship or manifest any faith to trust the Lord God throughout their lifetime. For ONLY by becoming born from above as was the second Adam (Christ), by the Holy Spirit of God (the only begotten of the Father), shall one experience eternal salvation. Adam and Eve died a spiritual death by disobedience from which they never recovered

but lived as mortals with NO evidence of spiritual life manifested. There was never any second Adam-Spirit man demonstrated by either of the depraved parents of all mankind. For the second son of Adam was the FIRST to demonstrate FAITH, per the scriptures, which is a FRUIT of the Spirit of God.

May these pondering thoughts on the man Adam be considered; who, by The Lord God's divine decree and predestined purpose, brought the curse of absolute and total depravity upon all mankind.

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (grace and faith) not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast”
(Ephesians 2: 8-9).*

*Humbly submitted,
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