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TOPIC: "The Consequences of Adam's Sin"

The topic for this evening is, "The Consequences of Adam's Sin".

On last Thursday, the lesson was entitled, "Somebody Has to Pay". There are over 60,000 different species/types of trees. There were "two" special trees in The Garden of Eden.

1). Genesis 2:8-9- 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree pf life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree Of knowledge of good and evil,

Adam and Eve committed the first "human" sin when they ate from the tree pf the knowledge of good and evil: This meant, that one of God's laws had been broken, and that "somebody would have to pay" for this mistake.

So, there were three options:

- 1st. Option- God could pay.
- 2nd. Option- You (man himself) would pay.
- 3rd. Option- An innocent animal could pay.

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God "temporarily" chose option 3.

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

When Jesus came into the earth, God switched from option # 3, to option I, which was His primary plan all along.

But anyone who doesn't know God, who does not have a personal relationship with Him, will experience option # 2 when they die.

So, in order to understand God, and your bible better in 2021, you will need to know about "the consequences of Adam's sin".

What can we learn from Adam's consequences? It is a good thing to learn from the mistakes of others, and to not have to keep learning, by making your own.

There were a multitude of consequences that happened when, and because, Adam sinned. We will look at some of these over the next couple of Thursdays. Why? Because there are numerous consequences for us, when we do as Adam did.

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We will look at "three" immediate consequences that occurred when Adam sinned:

A. Shame

1). Genesis 3:6-7- ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Consistent and willful disobedience, will always end up in disappointment. Disobedience leads to disappointment. Eventually, you will end up mad at yourself.

Do not let Satan make you believe that somehow "wrong" is going to turn out "right".

Why is Satan's deception, so successful: Because, "oftentimes", we don't immediately reap the consequences. Sometimes, consequences, are simply put on the lay-a-way plan,

Do not play Russian roulette with consequences. Do not sit down and gamble with "old man consequence".

Adam and Eve immediately experienced so much shame, that they tried to hide from God!

APPLICATION POINT: When you "feel" like something is wrong, run "to" God, not "from" Him. Adam and Eve ran "from" God.

*****FIRST FIVE STAR SENTENCE: we all make mistakes. God will take mistakes and turn them into moments. Learning moments!

B. Blame

1). Genesis 3:12-13- ¹² And the man said. The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Adam lays the blame on the woman and on God.

***** SECOND FIVE STAR SENTENCE: The best thing for you to do when you have made a mistake, is to go before God and OWN it.

When you make a mistake, there are "three" things that you should not do:

1. Do not lie on other people.

Stop blaming your choices on other people.

2. Do not lie to yourself.

William Shakespeare, gave some very good advice, in the play that he wrote entitled Hamlet. One of the famous lines from that play is, "to thine own self be true".

When you look into the mirror, be honest with the person that is looking back at you. Why? Because your conscious is not going to go along with the lie.

3. Do not lie to God.

After Adam sinned, God asked him a question:

1). Genesis 3:9- And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

***** THIRD FIVE STAR SENTENCE: God is so loving, that when we make a mistake, He will come looking for us.

C. Became

1). Genesis 3:10- And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

An unexpected guess, name fear, showed up at Adams house. Adam's choice "opened the door" for the spirit of fear to come in. And God never meant for Adam (or us) to live this way.

2). II Timothy 1:7- For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

3). Psalm 91:5- Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Two forces that oppose each other in your life:

1). Faith- Faith always shows up when you hear and believe God's words.

a). Romans 10:17- So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2). Fear- Fear always shows up when you hear and choose to believe the whispering words of Satan and his demons. _____

b). II Timothy 1:7- For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

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