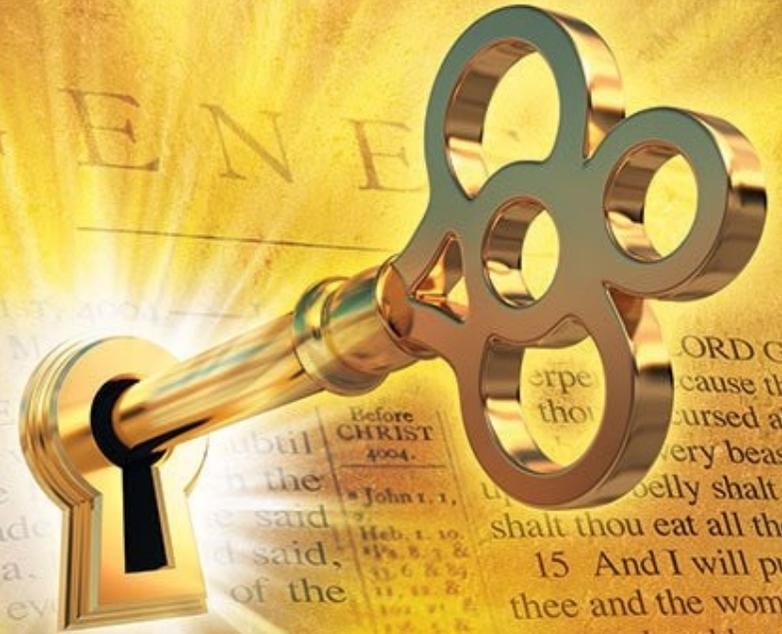


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#02

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"The Serpent, the Woman and the Seed"

Lecture #02

Genesis one describes how God created this world in six days. At the conclusion of creation week we are told that "God saw everything that He had made and indeed it was very good" (**Genesis 1:31**).

The question immediately suggests itself: If God made everything very good, then why is the world filled with hatred, violence, sickness, suffering and death? Jesus Himself answered this question in the Parable of the Sower when He stated: "An enemy has done this." (**Matthew 13:28**).

In this lesson we will study about this formidable enemy who introduced evil into our World. We will find in the course of our study that each and every event which transpires in this World is merely a reflection of an invisible life and death struggle going on between two mighty foes in the invisible realm.

The Creator of Genesis One

1. A comparison of Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-3 reveals that the Creator was _____.
2. The Parable of the sower reveals that the sower of the good seed is the _____ of _____.
3. Colossians 1:16-17 explicitly states that all things in heaven on earth were created _____.

The Original Condition of man

1. In their original state of innocence, Adam and Eve were _____ and were not _____.
2. Though Adam and Eve wore no artificial garments, they were covered with garments of light. The Psalmist stated "For You have made him [man] a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with

_____ and _____. (Psalm 8:5)

Note: Several other Biblical texts clearly indicate that the garments which are worn by holy beings are composed of light (see, Revelation 12:1, Matthew 17:3; Psalm 104:1-2)

3. Adam and Eve were given _____ over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28)
4. In order to continue enjoying their blissful life, Adam and Eve needed to choose to obey God. To test their willingness to *choose to obey*, God placed a _____, in the midst of the Garden from which they were not to _____ or _____.” (Genesis 2: 17)
5. If Adam and Eve chose to disobey this one command, they would really be violating every principle of God’s Ten Commandments. James, the brother of Jesus, stated: “For whoever shall keep the _____ law, and yet stumble in _____ point, he is guilty of _____.” (James 2:10). Think about it: How did Eve’s choice violate every single one of the Ten Commandments?
6. Adam and Eve were told that if they sinned, they Would _____ . (Genesis 2:17)

The Entrance of Sin

The central issue at stake in the temptation and fall of Adam and Eve was the trustworthiness of the Word of God. The question was: Would Adam and Eve trust God’s Word enough to implicitly obey it?

1. The serpent deceived Eve to sin and then Eve became, the temptress of Adam. What was the first consequence of their sin? “Then the eyes of

to _____ his brother (I John 3:12). But God’s plans were not to be thwarted because He gave Adam and Eve “_____ seed” from whose line the Messiah would eventually come (Genesis 4:25)

2. From the moment that God spoke the words of Genesis 3:15, Satan made up his mind that he would do all in his power to keep the promised Seed from coming to the world—after all, his very existence was at stake! Satan was determined to kill and/or corrupt the lineage from which the Seed was to come. The Old Testament, in its entirety contains the story of how God prepared the way for the Messiah to come into the world and how Satan worked to prevent this from happening. (See Lesson #03).
 3. When Jesus was born into the world, the dragon tried to _____ Him as soon as He was _____. (Revelation 12:3-4)
 4. When Jesus was born, king Herod had all the male children two years and under slaughtered (Matthew 2:16). Who do you think was behind this?

- Note: The life of Jesus reveals that the events we see around us are really visible manifestations of an invisible warfare between Christ and Satan. In other words, we must read the news behind the news. We must read history with enlightened eyes!*
5. When the male child ascended to God and to his throne, whom did the serpent persecute? The _____. (Revelation 12:6)
 6. At the very end of human history, Satan will be enraged with the _____ and will go away to make war against the remnant of her _____ who keep the _____ of God and have the _____ of Jesus Christ. (Revelation. 12:17)

_____ Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.” (Revelation 12:5)

7. In John 1:1-3 Jesus is presented as the Creator. In verse 14 we are told that the _____ was made _____ and dwelt among us. Thus the Creator became one _____ us in order to redeem our failure. (see, Galatians 4:4, 5)

The Creator Redeems the Failure of His Creatures

1. In Genesis 2:17 God promised Adam and Eve that if they sinned; they would surely _____.

Note: After and Eve sinned, God was put between a rock and a hard place. God’s justice required the death of sinners but God’s mercy wanted to save them. How could God resolve this seeming conflict between His justice and His mercy? The answer is found in Jesus. The Creator of humanity chose to take upon Himself the punishment which they deserved. In this way, God’s justice was satisfied and His mercy was also revealed.

2. Genesis 3:21 describes how God chose to cover man’s spiritual nakedness: “And _____ Adam and his wife the Lord God made _____ of _____ and clothed them.”

Note: In order to get the skins of animals, it was necessary for them to be sacrificed. The sacrifice of animals in the Old Testament represented the death of Jesus on the cross (see I Peter 1:18-20; Isaiah 53:3-8). By His death, Jesus crushed the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15), He took away our condemnation (Romans 8:1), He reconciled us to God (Romans 5:10), He recovered the lost dominion (John 12:31-33), He paid our death penalty (II Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13), He gave us peace with God (Romans 5:1) and He eliminated any reason for fear (Romans 8:15).

Satan’s Incessant Warfare

1. The story of Cain and Abel reveals that early on, Satan suspected that Abel might be the promised Seed. For this reason, Satan influenced Cain

both of them were opened, and they knew that they were _____ (Genesis 3:7)

Note: Genesis 2:24 explicitly states that Adam and Eve were also naked before they sinned, but they were not ashamed because they were covered with a glorious robe of light. After they sinned, the robe of light departed from them and they were ashamed.

2. To solve the problem of their nakedness, Adam and Eve “sewed fig _____ together and made _____ coverings.” (Genesis 3:7).

Note: God did not make these coverings, Adam and Eve did. Yet their attempt to cover their own nakedness failed. We know this, because when God came down to the garden to seek them, Adam told Him: “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself.” (Genesis 3:10) But at this point, Adam and Eve had already covered their naked bodies with fig leaves

3. Sin alienated Adam and Eve from God. They _____ from the presence of the Lord. (Genesis 3:8)

Note: Sin breaks our relationship with God and alienates us from Him. The prophet Isaiah explained, “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you.” (Isaiah 59:2) In practically every religion of the world, man seeks after God. But in Christianity, it is God who seeks man.

4. Genesis 3:8-12 reveals that all psychological problems are the result of sin. Fear, a low self-image, blaming others for our behaviour, shame, strife in marriage, are all the result of _____. In order for these problems to be resolved permanently, sin must be taken care of first.

5. The nakedness of Adam and Eve was not primarily one of body but rather of soul. Even after they had covered their physical bodies with garments of fig leaves (Genesis 3:7) they still felt _____ (Genesis 3:10). Their souls were laid bare before God.

Note: Hebrews 4:12-13 describes the inability of man to hide his

sinfulness from God: “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

6. In the Bible, garments represent _____ (Revelation 19:8). What do you think nakedness represents?

7. By their sin, Adam and Eve lost dominion over the earth, a function which was taken over by the _____. (Luke 4:5-7)

Note: To Adam and Eve, the future looked gloomy. They had lost their righteousness and dominion over the earth. They were at enmity with God. They were experiencing the psychological phenomena of shame, fear and strife and they knew that God’s justice required their death. But there was hope, and this hope was found in the words which God spoke to the serpent.

God Speaks to the Enemy

1. After God asked Adam and Eve to render Him an account of their actions, he confronted the serpent with the following words: “And I will put _____ between you and the _____ and between your seed and her _____; He shall bruise your _____, and you shall bruise His heel. (Genesis 3:15)

Note: Like the seed of the mighty Sequoia contains the code of a huge tree within it, this verse contains the code of the whole Bible enclosed within it. In fact, the Bible in its entirety is merely an outgrowth and unfolding of this one-verse; As we shall see in a future lesson, the end-time enmity spoken of in the book of Revelation must be understood in the light of this verse.

At this point in time, Adam and Eve had become enemies of God. The enmity in this verse runs three ways: 1) Serpent-Woman, 2) seed-Seed,

and 3) Serpent-Seed. Though there is enmity between the woman and the serpent and between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent, the primary enmity is between the serpent and the ‘woman’s Seed.

2. Who is this serpent of Genesis 3:15? “The ancient serpent, the _____ and _____. (Revelation 12:9)

Note: God was telling, Satan: “You turned the human race against me and have made them my enemies. But I am going to send a Seed to the world who will do battle with you. In the process of this battle, you will be successful in striking His heel, but He is going to crush your head! These words, heard by Adam and Eve, must have brought them much comfort and hope!

3. Who is represented by the seed of the serpent? “Cain, who killed his brother Abel, is spoken of as being “of the _____ one.” (1 John 3:12). Jesus said to his enemies? “You are of your _____ the devil.” (John 8:44). And in the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, the tares are “the _____ of the wicked one” (Matthew 13:38)

4. Who is represented by the woman? God spoke about His church in the Old Testament in the following terms: “I have _____ the daughter of Zion to a lovely and delicate _____.” (Jeremiah 6:2)

5. Who is the Seed of the woman? “Now to Abraham and his _____ were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of _____” And to your Seed, "who is _____.” (Galatians 3:16)

6. From where did this Seed come from and when? “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His _____ born of _____ born under the law” (Galatians 4:4). And speaking of the birth of Jesus, we are told in Revelation.12:5: “She [the woman] bore a