

The Word of God – 16

As we had gone back into the foundation in Genesis last time, we had seen that Man is indeed a three-part being and this is borne out by comparing Scripture with Scripture - 1Th 5:23 ¶ *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

And we had seen from Scripture in Genesis that not only does God make Man in His image He creates Man for a specifically stated purpose – ‘let them have dominion’ – literally – ‘let them rule over’.

And that God used the plural pronoun ‘them’ pointing to the fact that in order to fulfill the purpose for his creation the Man needed a helper comparable to him.

Ge 2:18 ¶ *And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

This of course gives us the type to be fulfilled in the antitype by Christ and His Bride.

The condition of the Man and the Woman at this time is described as ‘naked but not ashamed’

And as we have seen, the Hebrew word for naked used here before the fall – ‘arowm’ - does not mean totally naked = having a covering such as an inner garment but lacking the mantle / cloak - the outer garment

After the fall an entirely different Hebrew word is used for naked - eyrom = totally naked.

Before the fall the Man and the Woman were covered with the glory of God being created in His likeness, but did not have the royal robes of rulership - these would only be granted once man was proven worthy.

There is a Biblical principal of rulership that says that an incumbent ruler will only be replaced, regardless of his wickedness, when the one to replace him is present and proven worthy – Saul and David are our picture of this.

Ge 2:16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

We can see what God said would happen to them – ‘you shall surely die’

Please note that their entering into sin had a consequence and this consequence adversely affected the purpose for their creation, they were now totally naked - they no longer had the covering of glory - without that they could not wear the royal robes of dominion, which meant they could not rule over the earth as God had intended, in that condition.

Please remember that the Woman was deceived, but the Man knew exactly what he was doing – As a type of Christ – *Ro 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

Adam took his wife’s sin looking to redemption. Just as Christ took our sin for the same purpose.

So, what died?

Their sin also had a consequence for all three parts of their being. The Man and the Woman, as a whole being, was now under a death sentence.

They became spiritually dead. Their soul became corrupted - they had a sin nature. Their bodies started to decay

Eternal separation from God’s purpose for their creation was then what awaited them and not them only - *Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death,*

A death sentence was passed on Adam and the Woman and on all who would be born subsequently in Adam's likeness - Heb 9:27 *And as it is appointed for men to die once,*

Something would need to happen if mankind was ever to be free from the sentence of death, and be free from the sentence of death he would have to be in order to attain the position God had intended for him, so as to be able to fulfill the purpose for his creation.

And that something is God's plan of salvation, a plan which He had set in place before time began to deal with the death sentence, the eternal separation - Ro 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

And the place we need to begin in our understanding of what must happen in this plan is again at the beginning of Genesis - Ge 1:2 *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Here we find God's creation in a ruined condition, just as the Man and the Woman were in a ruined condition, completely unable to do anything itself to get out of that condition. Just as the Man and the Woman couldn't do anything.

So in order to bring His creation out of ruin God must act entirely of Himself - Ge 1:3 ¶ *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.*

More next time if the Lord is willing.

