

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson 3: ADAM – A Type of Him Who Was to Come (Part 2)

The Transgression of Adam

Aim: To demonstrate how Adam's choice to enter into his wife's sin is a picture of Christ's suffering, when He became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him, and have a place of rulership alongside Him in a marriage relationship.

Key Scriptures: Luke 24:27; Romans 5:14b; Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6,13; 1Timothy 2:14; 2Corinthians 5:21

In our last lesson, we studied how Adam is a Type of Christ (Romans 5:14b). We learnt that Christ and His Bride-to-be can be seen in **the foundational Type** of the marriage relationship between Adam and the Woman in Genesis chapter 2.

God had created the Man and the Woman for the purpose of RULERSHIP which was to take place within a MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. Just as Adam was put into a deep sleep in order for God to remove his rib and build Adam's helper for him, so Christ was put into a deep sleep on the cross, with the blood and water coming from His side, which God is using right now to build a bride for His Son.

In the 7th Day Christ will have a helper who will be His Wife, and together RULERSHIP will take place within a MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. The Apostle Paul referred to this as 'a great mystery':

***Ephesians 5:30** For we are members of His [Christ's] body, of His flesh and of His bones.*

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [Gen.2:24]

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Q: Do you remember what a mystery is in Scripture?

A:

Let's remember that our study is entitled "**Jesus in the Old Testament**," and is based on Jesus's encounter with 2 of His Disciples on the road to Emmaus. They had failed to understand that **the Christ must first suffer** before He could enter into His glory and redeem Israel. Their failure to recognize Jesus from the Scriptures with the Man they knew from their experiences is possibly why 'their eyes were restrained' in Luke 24:16. They knew that the 3rd Day was significant but had not connected it with the 7 days laid out in Genesis 1:1 to 2:3, with the 3rd Day pointing to the 7th Day. (c.f. *John 2:1 – on the 3rd Day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, which was the 7th Day when beginning in John 1:1 and counting through to John 2:1*).

***Luke 24:25** Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!*

26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

In this lesson we shall learn how Christ's suffering can be seen in the account of Adam and the Woman in Genesis Chapter 3. However, to set the scene, let's read the key Scripture from the NT that we had in our last lesson:

Romans 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** [Christ] **who was to come.***

We previously focused on Adam as a Type of Christ, and we will do so again today as we now look at **The Transgression of Adam**. Underline that phrase in the verse above.

The word '**transgression**' means 'to break or violate; to act contrary to a command'. So... Adam broke, or violated, a command he had been given, and yet according to Romans 5:14 he is a Type of the Christ who was to come! No wonder Paul wrote that it was a great mystery! However, we don't need to remain baffled because the Holy Spirit is here as our Teacher and Guide as we seek to understand it.

Q: What command did Adam act contrary to, and in so doing transgress?

A:

Let's read about it:

Genesis 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."

Q: What would happen if the man violated the command?

A:

As you know, Adam and his wife ate from the tree that God told them not to eat from, and as a result they became **separated from the purpose for their creation**, which was to 'have dominion' (Gen. 1:26). They were to rule in a marriage relationship, in the 7th Day. In Scripture, death frequently refers to separation rather than physical death, and of course Adam and his wife did not die physically that day when they ate from the tree. Instead, they were now **separated from God, the glory, and the right to rule**, which had been God's intention for them when He created them in His image and likeness.

Let's review what happened:

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Q: How does 1st John 2:16 compliment v.6?

A:

Returning to Romans 5:14, we know that eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was **the transgression of Adam**, and as a result 'death' now reigned. However, we also know that Adam is 'a type of Him who was to come' – Christ. To understand this aspect of the 'great mystery', we need to compare Scripture with Scripture and as we look at some other passages, it will become clear how both things are true.

1Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived [lit. 'utterly deceived'], fell into transgression.

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Q: According to these 2 verses, who was deceived, and by whom?

A:

Q: What happened as a result of the deception?

A:

Look at the context for 2nd Timothy 2:14 and write out what you understand the transgression of the woman to have been.

Q: What does 1st Timothy state about Adam?

A:

1st Timothy 2:14 clearly states that Adam was NOT deceived, and yet we know he transgressed also when he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So why did Adam eat the forbidden fruit after the woman had eaten? Bearing in mind that Adam is a Type of Christ, why do you think he would do this?

This next verse is key:

***2Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him [Christ] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Q: What did Christ become for us?

A:

Do you think Christ in becoming sin actually sinned?

The following verses show He became sin, but DID NOT sin:

***1Peter 2:21** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "**Who committed no sin**, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";*

***Hebrews 9:28** so Christ was offered **once** to bear the sins of many.*

***1Peter 3:18** For Christ also suffered **once** for sins, the just [Christ] for the unjust [us], that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,*

God made Jesus who 'knew no sin to be sin for us, to bear the sins of many, so we might become the righteousness of God in Him'. As a result, Christ suffered **once**, on the cross, when He took our sins upon Himself, that we might experience eternal life rather than eternal separation.

Then, after Jesus gave up His Spirit, His side was opened and blood and water came out for the building of His Bride, as we studied in our last lesson. You are probably wondering about the connection between Adam eating the fruit and Christ bearing our sins in His body on the cross that we might be saved, and then built into Christ's Bride.

Adam knew no sin (just as Christ did not know sin) when he chose to eat the fruit given to him by His wife. Adam also knew that He could not rule without the Woman - who was the helper comparable to him - that God had made from a part of his body. So in his unfallen state, with his unfallen mind, Adam chose to cleave to his wife by entering into sin with her, knowing that redemption for them both would be possible, together. Remember: **The Woman was deceived, but not Adam!**

Q: So how did redemption for Adam and his wife come about?

A:

The pattern for redemption was set here when the Lord God clothed Adam and Eve in tunics of skin. It would require **death and shed blood**, which in this instance would have been animals. The same thing is seen again in the killing of the Passover lambs in Exodus. And most importantly, it is seen with the sacrifice of Christ on the cross - THE Passover Lamb.

God created Adam and the Woman for the purpose of RULERSHIP in a MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. Adam knew he could not reign without his wife, so he entered into sin with her, faithfully awaiting a future redemption (initially spirit, leading to soul & body in the 7th Day).

When Christ came to the earth as a man, He found His future wife in sin, and so He took her sins upon Himself. In so doing, he became the perfect sacrifice and shed His blood for her redemption and for the forgiveness of her sins. Just as the first man, Adam, had to have a helper comparable to him to rule in the 7th Day, so Christ must have a helper, His wife, to rule with Him in the 7th Day.

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