

Elpis Israel

for Young People

Genesis 3:15 (part 2) – Crushing the head of the serpent

Review

2 Classes ago:

- We looked at how Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of **GOOD** and **EVIL**
- We learned the **GOOD** was the pleasant things that seem **GOOD** to a man but the end thereof is **death** – which is the ultimate **EVIL** consequence.
- We learned that Adam and Eve’s eyes were OPENED
 - They became experienced in what they believed were GOOD things
 - They KNEW – YADAH – by experience as they had become partakers
- We also learned that there were three consequences from these:
 - fear
 - shame
 - concealment
- We also learned that “in Christ” these three things are removed.

Last Class:

- We looked at how ADAM and EVE had adopted the serpents thinking
- This ungodly thinking became something known as “FLESH”
- We saw how EACH of us has “FLESH” and it is constantly “warring against us”

Solving the problem:

God had a plan for this:

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Crushing the head:

- Why the head – what goes on there?
Jeremiah 17:9-10 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*

God is dealing with the root cause:

Romans 7:11 *For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

- Sin is the deceiver

Romans 7:18-21 *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me**. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

- Sin “dwells in us” and is a “law”

Tracing to the root cause



- If you want to eliminate **DEATH** you must eliminate **SIN**
 - **Because: “the wages of sin is death” – Romans 6:23**
- To eliminate SIN you must eliminate Deception of the Lusts of the Flesh
 - Because:
James 1:14-15 *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*
- To destroy death – you have to destroy sin
- To destroy sin – you have to destroy “lusts of the flesh”

Flesh cannot be “tamed”

Romans 8:7 *Because the carnal mind is **enmity** against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

CRUSHING THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT

Hebrews 2:14-18 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same**; that **through death** he might **destroy him that had the power of death**, that is, the devil [diabolos]; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Strongs – DEVIL: **1228 diabolos { dee-ab'-ol-os}**

from 1225; TDNT - 2:72,150; adj

AV - devil 35, false accuser 2, slanderer 1; 38

GK - 1333 { διάβολος }

1) prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely

1a) a calumniator, false accuser, slanderer,

[What had SERPENT done – deceive EVE – by telling a LIE – he was a “false accuser”- this is what the flesh is – it deceives us]

*For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. **[What had eve done? Wanted to be equal with the anges]***

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Jesus Recognized that his “flesh” deserved to die.

- He put it to death on the cross
- He recognized that FLESH deserved to die....
- That is why:

Hebrews 9:22 *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

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

Christ was tempted – but didn’t give in

Hebrews 4:14-16 *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

- He put the thinking of the flesh to death every day
- Christ came in the same flesh – had the same nature, the same temptations – and was tempted like us – but didn’t sin
- He killed the thinking of the flesh
- Finally – he killed the flesh - showing that it wasn’t good enough.

God was performing a work in Jesus Christ:

Romans 8:3 *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God **sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,** and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh:***

REMEMBER:

GOD MANIFESTATION – NOT HUMAN SALVATION IS THE GRAND PURPOSE OF THE ETERNAL SPIRIT

Romans 5:8-10 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son,** much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by his life.***

Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, **as by one man sin entered into the world,** and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men,** for that all have sinned:*

Romans 5:18 *Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.***

- Jesus reversed the process begun by Adam

Joining Jesus Christ: (read v3-8)

- Joining in with him by Baptism
 - Romans 6:3** *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were **baptized into his death?***
 - I agree with God's condemnation of sinful nature made way back in the Garden
 - I agree with what Jesus Christ did
 - I want to join him...
 - Join him in his death Putting to death the thinking of the flesh – but also in his life.
 - Romans 6:4** *Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that **like as Christ was raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.***
 - Romans 6:6** *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth **we should not serve sin.***
 - Every day is a struggle to “NOT SERVE SIN”
 - But it isn't just the THOU SHALT NOTS... it's more than that...
 - Romans 6:12-13** ***Let not sin therefore reign** in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.***
 - This is God Manifestation!!!!

The FRUIT of our DOINGS:

Romans 6:21-23 *What **fruit** had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the **end of those things is death.** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your **fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The SEED of the WOMAN

- This is a miracle birth
- Women don't have "Seed"
- God would create this child by a miracle birth:

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive**, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**. [God with us]*

2 Samuel 7:14 ***I will be his father**, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

John 1:13-14 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Luke 1:31-35 *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

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