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ADAM AND EVE: THE REBELLION OF MANKIND

“For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:21–22)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Adam and Eve’s rebellion was born out of a desire to be like God. Sin separates us from God. As punishment, the Lord cast man out of the garden. But even as He did so, He had already prepared a solution for our salvation in Jesus Christ.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is just and all-knowing.
<i>Good Works</i>	Humility is an important aspect of obedience to God’s commands. Learn how to mend our relationship with God

A. Man’s Purpose

1. *Our First Purpose (Gen 1:28):* The Lord wants us to grow as a family and as a nation. This means taking on greater responsibilities, both as individuals and as a group, especially in helping each other grow spiritually, and bringing others into God’s fold.
2. *Our Second Purpose (Gen 2:15):* Just as Adam and Eve tended the garden of Eden, we also need to tend to the spiritual garden in our hearts and in the church.
3. *Our Third Purpose (Gen 2:16–17):* God has given us a chance to dwell side by side with Him, just as Adam and Eve did. To seize that chance, we need to learn to follow His commands.

B. The Rebellion of Man

To rebel against God means to seek to go beyond what God has already given us. From examining Adam and Eve’s downfall, it is clear that sin is always born out of some sort of desire (Jas 1:13–15). We should control our own desires by learning to be satisfied with what God has already given us.

C. The Consequences of Rebellion

Although each received their own punishment from God, the worst punishment experienced by Adam, Eve, and the rest of mankind was separation from the Lord. While in the garden, Adam and Eve were able to walk side by side with God, but because He is holy, sin has become a wall between us and God.

Our Basic Belief: Salvation through Jesus Christ

Adam’s disobedience made us all sinners, but the Lord’s obedience would free us all of sin (Rom 5:19). Because the Lord Jesus was able to overcome death, we are able to do the same through Him (1 Cor 15:21–22). This is the very reason we are here today: so that instead of dying, we can receive life.

Life Application

1. *Learning to Obey God’s Commands:* We often find God’s commands difficult to follow because we have our own thoughts and desires that we want to follow instead. To counter this, we should remain humble and remind ourselves of the “positives” behind all of His commands.
2. *Mending Our Broken Relationship with God:* God disciplines those He loves and wants us to share in His holiness and receive His blessings (Heb 12:7–10). Therefore, when we sin against Him, instead of hiding or making excuses, we should seek to mend our relationship with Him.

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Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Corinthians 15:21–22):

1. What does the memory verse teach us about Adam’s sin and God’s solution?

2. “Then, when _____ has _____, it gives _____ to _____; and _____, when it is full-grown, brings forth _____.” (James 1:15)

3. Pick one of the three purposes of mankind and explain it in as much detail as you can, including how we should be enacting this purpose today.

4. What were Adam and Eve’s reactions when God asked them about what they had done? Compare their actions to what we ought to do when confronted by sin.

5. What commandments do you often resist? Why do you think this is? What personal desire of yours is conflicting with this particular command?