

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The Lord is the Divine Potter who forms the clay into man as it pleases Him.

Adam did not say, 'Why hast thou made me thus?'

Man has no right to criticize His Creator, who is infinitely wise and righteous.

Moreover, man has no right to question the rules set down by His infinitely wise and righteous Sovereign.

Instead, he has every reason to obey God's rules.

Disobedience breeds death.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

From this one commandment we may infer had Adam not disobeyed he would not die. He would live forever.

The Lord purposefully gave Adam a test of obedience to prove his faithfulness and love.

This was a covenant of works. Eternal life was conditional; obedience the condition.

Adam was not warned of Satan's coming temptation.

Adam was to stay focused on all the good trees, whose fruit was delicious.

Satan had but one chance to ensnare the newlyweds.

He shrewdly determined it would be through the weakness of the woman that Adam would fall.

WHY SATAN?

The fall of Satan is a point of controversy which will be debated until the Last Day.

Suffice it to say, Satan and his crew were not among the elect angels (1 Timothy 5:21).

By means not explained, the Lord kept only the elect angels from rebelling against Him.

Needless to say, Christ did not redeem them, nor did they need Him to do so.

When one considers the importance of the angelic realm in Scripture, it is not unreasonable to assume the angels, both good and evil, are playing an integral role in God's eternal purpose.

It was revealed to them [the holy prophets] that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Thus, God's eternal decrees are unfolding for the edification of both man and angels as they come to fruition.

As a result both Christians and angels are constantly learning about the unconditional love, grace, and power of our infinite God to save.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Satan brilliantly chose to disguise himself as an attractive, charismatic, eloquent, loquacious serpent.

Today, Satan uses the same tried and true method.

He disguises himself as beloved Preachers, Priests and Popes who tickle the ears of those ignorant and unregenerate false 'Christians' who will not tolerate sound doctrine.....who prefer to believe lies.

Satan did not enter the Garden for the purpose of testing Adam without the express permission of the Lord (Job 1:8).

Satan killed both Adam and Eve by means of false doctrine. he was a liar and murderer from the beginning (John 8:44).

Both the Old and New Testaments are rife with warnings of such false prophets, unlike Adam who had no such warning.

Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Is it not amazing how many are deceived by the false 'Vicar of Christ' despite the warnings?

Alas, both Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.

Spiritual death was immediate, for in their shame they saw their nakedness.

NAKEDNESS AND WHAT IT REPRESENTS

Now that they had sinned, they realized their shame needed a covering.

They understood their sin was open to the eyes of their holy God.

They could not face the shame, humiliation and disgrace.

So they contrived to construct a covering for their sin.

Today man is still contriving to cover his sin by means other than the blood of the Lamb of God.

Adam and Eve's genitals were covered, and for good reason.

Adam instinctively knew his sin would be passed to his progeny through procreation (Gen. 1:28).

ADAM THE REPRESENTATIVE HEAD OF ALL MANKIND

The entire human race emanated from Adam's seed (Acts 17:6).

Adam was the one posited guilty of the transgression, which is why Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, not Joseph.

All mankind have also been posited guilty of that same transgression.

This great truth is discussed by Paul in Romans 5:

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:

(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

NEXT: The imputation of Adam's guilt vs. the imputation of Christ's righteousness.