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Genesis 3

Lesson 11 – Why Adam didn't die that day

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One of the most oft repeated attacks made against the Bible by its critics is God's failure to kill Adam in the day that he ate the fruit. To say that Adam died spiritually but not physically is not only unscriptural, it is not true. (see Lessons 5 and 6). The Biblical answer is far more blessed.

Let's start in Genesis 2:15-17 *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.* Notice work is not the curse. God gave Adam work to do before he ever fell into sin. Verse 16. *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 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.* Now we know what happened, he ate of the fruit.

Genesis 5:3-5 *And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: 4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*

What a strange thing how God could tell a man he would die the day he ate a piece of fruit. The man ate the fruit and did not die for 930 years. We need to form a little ground work before we can fully understand the biblical answer to this pondering question.

We will begin our discussion about the earth and the world, they are different we will allow the Holy Spirit along with the Bible to teach us their differences. Understanding these differences will help you in future reading and studying of the scriptures.

I. THE EARTH

- a. The earth was made by God in the beginning Genesis 1:1.
- b. It is defined in scripture as the dry land portion of the planet Genesis 1:10; Proverbs 8:23-26.
- c. It belongs to God Deuteronomy 10:14.

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth* verse 9... *And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.* The earth was made by God in the beginning. The waters that were upon the earth were made by God in the beginning and the dry land...

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the physical land... the actual planet that you and I are standing upon... that physical creation is called the earth.

Proverbs 8:22-27 *The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there:*

According to Proverbs 8, Colossians 1, John 1, Genesis 1... many places throughout the Bible, the creator began with absolutely nothing and spoke into existence the invisible elements that make up the creation then out of those invisible elements formed and fashioned all that we see with our eye, touch with our hand, all that this is available to our senses – it was God Almighty. God Himself is the creator of the heaven and the earth. The earth in our Bible is defined as the material creation, the physical creation of God.

Deuteronomy 10:14 *Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.* Who does the earth belong to? It belongs to God. The earth is the LORD'S and all that therein is. We ought to enjoy it.

Psalms 115:15-16. *Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth. 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.* The earth is where God put man. This is what God gave to man for a place to dwell and a place to live. But I want you to see that it belongs to God and He gave it to man *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.* James 1:17 God has given it to the sons of men, the only people that know how to enjoy the earth in verse 16 are those in verse 15 that have been blessed of the Lord to understand that it's God's creation.

II. THE WORLD

- a. The world is set upon the earth 1 Samuel 2:8.
- b. Thus, it is distinct from the earth Jeremiah 51:15.
- c. It belongs to Satan 2 Corinthians 4:4.
 1. This includes its kingdoms Matthew 4:8.
 2. And its' things 1 John 2:15.

Throughout the Bible the earth is set for the physical realm under the control of God. The world is set for the spiritual realm on the earth under the control of Satan. The world began when Adam chose the lordship of

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Satan over the lordship of God. This concept must be understood to properly study hundreds of Bible passages Matthew 28:20; 24:3.

What is the world? 1 Samuel 2:8 *He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: ...for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.* The earth is the LORD's; the world is set upon the earth. Notice again a distinction. Jeremiah 51:15. *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.* In Genesis 1 the creation of God there were two factors. The heaven and the earth. But now something has taken place. There are now three factors. The heaven and the earth and on the earth, the world. The world is that system of evil that began with the fall of man and will continue until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The earth and the world are separate and distinct. God created the earth; the world was established on the earth when man fell into sin.

From the New Testament. Who does the earth belong to? Jesus Christ. The earth belongs to Jesus Christ. What about the world... what about the system of evil on the earth? 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.* The earth is the Lord's; but the world is Satan's. The earth is the material creation; the world is the spiritual realm of wickedness on the earth that was established when Adam fell into sin.

Matthew 4 Jesus in the wilderness... being tempted of the devil. Notice the careful wording by the Holy Spirit in our Bible. Verse 8. *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world,* (Not the earth; the kingdoms of the world.) *and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.* Jesus did not rebuke him. Because Satan knows that the world belongs to him he said to Jesus in Luke 4:6b *"to whomsoever I will I give it."* Luke 4:6b Matthew 28:19-20. *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

God talks in His Bible about a new heaven and a new earth. Never a new world.

Where do you place Matthew 24? Is it something for the church? Is it something at the end of the millennial kingdom? Is that a reference to the Second Coming of Christ? Let us see Matthew 24:3. *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when*

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shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? See, in our minds we think of the end of the world as the earth being dissolved and the heavens being blown up and that White Throne Judgment discussed in Lesson 10C. Matthew 24 is not a reference to that subject; that is the end of the old heavens and the old earth. That is not the end of the world. The end of the world takes place at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

When Satan is bound and cast into the lake of fire and Jesus Christ sets up His throne and the angel declares Revelation 11:15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.* The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is termed in your Bible, as the end of the world.

The earth is the physical creation of God; the world is the system of evil on the earth.

III. THE INTERVENTION

a. At the moment of the fall, which was the beginning of the world, Jesus offers Himself to the Father that He might die in the place of Adam Revelation 13:8. To make a false assumption that Adam died spiritually is to miss the grand truth. Adam did not die that day because Jesus Christ pledged to take his place in death.

b. This is grand news for all those who die in Adam – In Lesson 17 we will go into more detail. 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:* Notice none of us dies for Adam's sin. We are born with a bent toward sinning as we learned in an earlier lesson. We are born with a nature that draws us to sin. But none of us will be sent to hell for the sin that Adam committed in the garden. Ezekiel 18:20 *The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.* Jesus came to die for the sins of the whole world 1 John 2:2, past, present and future.

Now what does all this have to do with Adam? Revelation 13 Let us take a glimpse into the throne room of heaven. You can argue as to whether or not God knew Adam was going sin. There is not one verse in the Bible you can stand on either way.

Up there in heaven, God was watching... He knew what was going on when Adam and Eve took that fruit and ate it... immediately sin began to take its toll; they knew that they were naked. That tree was not the knowledge of right and wrong. They knew right from wrong. God put that in them. That tree was the knowledge of good and evil. Good is the

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consequence of right. Evil is the consequence of wrong. They knew right from wrong but they had no concept of the consequences.

Revelation 13:8... *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, (speaking of the anti-Christ) whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* Why didn't Adam die that day? Because the Son stood... and instead of drawing a sharp two-edged sword to slay Adam He turned to His Father and He said, "Father, I am going to use this sword for temporary covering... could I go and slay some lambs? Why didn't Adam die that day? Because that day the Lamb offered to take Adam's place. Bible speaks of a lamb slain from the foundation of the world that covers everybody from Adam forward in the sacrifice of that lamb.

Let us finish up with Revelation 5: 11. *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.* The day Adam sinned Jesus said I'll die in his place. When all is said and done... the sons of Adam that received that sacrifice for eternal ages and ages will be praising and shouting... Worthy is the Lamb... Worthy is the Lamb.

Notes

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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. How old was Adam when he finally died?
2. Why is it that Adam did not die spiritually instead of physically when he ate of the fruit?
3. Who does the Earth belong to?
4. Who does the world belong to?
5. How does Proverbs 30:5 relate to this lesson?
6. Why was Satan able to say to Jesus in Matthew 4:8-9?
7. What does Proverbs 8:22-29; Colossians 1:16-17 and Genesis 1:2-31 and 1 John 1:1-2 tell us about the building blocks that make up our earth?
8. Why is it so important to have the right Bible that does not change the designations of the Earth and the world?
9. What is the most important event that took place immediately after Adam sinned?

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10. What is the Earth?
11. What is the world?
12. When does the world come to an end?
13. When do the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord?
14. How is Romans 5:13 relative to what we are learning?
15. Why didn't Adam die that day?

True/false

- Worthy is the Lamb.
- Every word of God is very pure, and right.
- God preserved His word perfectly to English Speaking peoples in the Authorized King James Version.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
Psalms 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; Revelation 13:8

Any questions?