

The sin of a man

More detailed explanation of

Genesis Ch. 3 and 4

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THE FIRST TEMPTATION

(Genesis3)

Man succumbs to the tempter, to be like God, to know the good and evil.

3Now the serpent¹ was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' " 4"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.,,²

The Prophet explains, why has Satan chosen the woman? Because of her weaker nature coupled with her curiosity the satan succeeded.

Satan trapped a man by deceiving by lies into believing, that Almighty God is a liar, selfcenterd being, who prohibits things to have no divine portion on them. So man has to understand this deceptive plan of God and rather believe in Satan's lies. Paul explains this deceptive and cunning nature of Satan by following:

14And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

The order which has been established by God has been disrupted by sin, coming out of exchanging truth for lie. And the penalty of a sin was death the victory of Satan. In opposite Jesus Christ, resisted the same deceiving of Satan, standing firmly in God's commandments and in result gain eternal life as a victory of God's plan again.

This is the "Second Chance" in Jesus Christ after the first fall of Adam.

God created all animals as obedient to his command. Serpent is a symbolic form of satan, mentioned as known from the beginning, reffering to these verses:

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9The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Revelation 12;9

2He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.me.

Revelation 20:2

Devil is considered as a liar from the beginning, who twists each word of God in his own "truth"

44You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8;44

Compare as well:

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Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.',"

Matthew 4;5-6

THE REVOLT AGAINST GOD AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

The temptation leads to sin and sin creates unclean conscience.

6When the woman saw³ that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

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7Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Proverbs 4;25-27

You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes.

Numeri 15:39

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.,

1 Samuel 16;7

God creates everything for a man, as only man can perceive the beauty and wonder of all creation and the inconceivable wisdom of the Almighty God.

8Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"10He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."11And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"12The man said, "The woman you put here with me-she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

God curses the evil(serpent), curses the earth a man is going to live in and the destiny of a woman, but dont' let man die out of his transgression.

14So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.,

16To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

17To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.,,⁴

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According to the church father Ireneus this reffers to an enmity between a man, created to God's likeness and able to grow into Christ fullness and evil, symbolized by the serpent.

In Old Testament, there is neither knowledge nor assurance for the destiny of a man.

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15Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. 16This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind?.

Ecclesiastes 5;15-16

20"Why is light given to those in misery, and life to the bitter of soul, 21to those who long for death that does not come, who search for it more than for hidden treasure, 22who are filled with gladness and rejoice when they reach the grave?

4It comes without meaning, it departs in darkness, and in darkness its name is shrouded. 5Though it never saw the sun or knew anything, it has more rest than does that man-6even if he lives a thousand years twice over but fails to enjoy his prosperity. Do not all go to the same place? 7All man's efforts are for his mouth, yet his appetite is never satisfied.

Ecclesiastes 6:4-7

5For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no further reward, and even the memory of them is forgotten. 6Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished; never again will they have a part in anything that happens under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9;5-6

Paul explaines it Hebrew 2;14-15

14Since the children have flesh and blood, he (Jesus) too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil-- 15and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

God didn't punish man by death, but forgives man his transgression, dresses a man and sends him from the Garden of Eden to the Earth Adam gives name to a woman and effectively according to the curse of a woman starts to rule over her.

20Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. 21The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

22And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever., 23So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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THE SIN LEADS TO DEATH

(Genesis4)

God separates the last day of creation as the day of communion of man with his creator.

1Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.,, 2Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

The difference between the offering of Abel and Cain was, that Abel gave to God fat portions of the firstborn of the flock, which has been always considered as the best between all, Cain brought just some of the fruits. Looking at this mentioned text by Hebrews 11;4,6, Abel's offering was more acceptable and pleasing God.

4By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings.

6And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Based on this reasoning Abel's faith was more advanced and deeper than Cain's by believing that for God is even possible to ressurect the first born of his flock.

Cain has responded as a natural man controlled by the flesh reactions. He get offended and injustce in his heart created the sin and the sin led to death of his brother. God pointed to him to don't react by this way, that he should be able to rule over the offense by selfreflection and do good.

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6Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.,

8Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. 9Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"²

Cain's answer out of ignorance about his brother doing testifies the lack of repentance and ability to forgive.

17Do not bear a grudge against others, but settle your differences with them, so that you will not commit a sin because of them. 18Do not take revenge on others or continue to hate them, but love your neighbors as you love yourself. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19;17-18

God curses the earth, Cain is going to live in and the life of Cain itself. But he is giving him out of mercy a divine protection- the Mark of Cain.

10The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." 13Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."
15But the Lord said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the Lord put a mark on Cain^A so that no one who found him would kill him. 16So Cain went out from the Lord 's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Hebrew word for mark ('Oth, NIR) could mean a sign, an omen, a warning, or a remembrance. The mark of Cain is God's promise to offer Cain divine protection from premature death with the stated purpose of preventing anyone from killing him.

17Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. 18To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.

19Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. 20Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was thefather of those who live in tents and raise livestock.

21His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute. 22Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

23Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. 24If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.,3

25Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him., 26Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time men began to call on the name of the Lord.

Separated from God, Cain's descendants rush to destruction, and evil acting out of sin repeats.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6;23

There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 14;12

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

Romans 5;14

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