

Adam and Eve — The Fall

They were innocent because they had no first-hand experience with sin. They knew to be obedient, but had not experienced disobedience, so they had no real knowledge of sin and its devastating consequences. I do not know if they knew about Satan and his angels' fall from their original state of sinlessness (Jude 1:6).

Satan tempted Eve by challenging God's word or challenging God's motive and the integrity of His word. Adam and Eve died spiritually like we can feel when the Holy Spirit is not in the center of our heart and we are in communion with Him, an undying, intimate fellowship with Him). They passed on a deadened spiritual nature to their descendants as we can defile or corrupt others while in our deadened state (1 Jn 1:6; Lev 13:45).

After man fell he was inclined toward evil, being corrupted and having a deadened spirit towards God, or dead to God in his spirit. Morally, intellectually, and emotionally he was deadened toward pleasing his Father, God, since he was dead to Him spiritually — although a man's consciousness in his spirit and soul could reach out to God and grope for Him and, if possible, find Him (Acts 17:26, as Rom 1:19 points out).

Man still had a consciousness toward God, although he was dead to receive fellowship personally with Him.

Enoch walked with God, although his spirit was dead to the fellowship Adam and Eve once had. Noah heard God out of all the millions who refused to retain a knowledge of God (Rom 1:28).

The Scriptures description of the fall is the key to understanding the whole of the Scriptures of what God is doing to redeem and restore fallen mankind back to Gen 1:27-28. And without understanding of the origin of both sin and evil there is no way to know you need God's forgiveness, or you can't describe the guilt you feel inside, but needs healing (Isa 53).

Paul proclaimed the will of God (Acts 20), what he thought was morally binding on his hearers. It was the very word of God to them, but they always gave their hearers freedom to respond or reject (2 Cor 13:10).

Adam

Man is to be restored back to Genesis 1:27-28. Physical Israel is to be restored back to Gen 15:18 through Gen 17:7-8 by the twelve-tribed Church who brings about a new age (Isa 49:8; Gen 17:7-8; 15:18; Heb 10:13; Rev 11:15) in which Israel will have gotten what Abraham was promised (Gen 18:19; Isa 49:6,8).

But man still fails to respond to God because the prophets and evangelists are extinct. There is no one who loves God and His purpose enough to deny himself and follow Yahshua. One third of the human race are Christians, but no one knows God in a redemptive way. Jn 3:17-21 — Ultimately God Himself came down to earth to take upon Himself the burdens of our sins and suffer in our place (Acts 2:24; 1 Pet 3:18).

Adam had a loving, intimate relationship with God. The second Adam restores all who trust in Him to that same relationship, but greater.

The word *fall*, as Rom 3:23 describes it, means to come to a lesser or lower condition. All have come to this condition; no one is saved in Messiah except by obeying the terms of the gospel. And it takes a minister of the gospel, to first know the gospel, to proclaim it as sent by God in His place (Mk 8:35,38; Rom 10:14,15,17).

But a false prophet or teacher or evangelist (Jn 7:18) misrepresents reality, is deceitful and has falsehood in him, and promises eternal life to those who have not obeyed the Gospel. It is a false, empty message which promises salvation. Their message is not revealed to them by God and therefore they cannot be sent. This message deceives others into a false hope and does them great eternal harm. These are people who misrepresent themselves as God's spokesmen. They are those whose teachings cannot be depended upon because they have no basis for reality. "They have not gone to Bible school" is the accepted norm among the deceived masses today. Conviction of guilt is God's gracious preparation for repentance that leads to salvation of the soul.

Rev 22:2 — The healing of the nations is from the leaves of the tree of life — before Gen 1:27-28 is taken out of

abeyance and once more enacted as the mandate of God's eternal plan to express His highest creation to the universe. So man needs understanding (Pr 2:1-5; Acts 17:27,23). The unknown God needs once again to be known. He can be known only through us who know Him and His plan and purpose for the earth and universe. Acts 20:27 — Once again the Edah, having been in abeyance, needs to know the whole purpose of God so the world can also have the opportunity of knowing God's love.

Rom 5:12-19 — Evil is an active bent of fallen nature producing the pain and suffering men cause one another, which is consequence of that first act.

The fall radically affected man's relationship with God (Gen 3), before His Covenant of Promise to them. They had walked with God in the garden, and now they hid from Him in terror. The knowledge of guilt, which they had never known, causes us to run away from or run to God. But neither we nor anyone else ever ran to Him unless he heard the Good News. The Good News is that God still loves us and He wants desperately to save us from ourselves and Satan. Guilt produces first the shame and a profound alienation from God.