
GENESIS 3 – THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

Welcome to pillars of marriage in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Towards the end of last year, we began to thread through and follow some train of concepts from Genesis 2 which covers the formation of the man, the help meet and we arrived at the intrusion of the serpent. Let’s proceed further and attempt to study the Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil.

Genesis 3:4-5 ‘And the serpent said unto the Woman, Ye shall not surely die; For God knows that in the day ye eat thereof, Then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.’

THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

According to the bible, the knowledge of Good and Evil clearly belonged to and pertained to Angelic and heavenly beings. This power was accorded to celestial beings. In 2 Sam 14:14, 17, 20 the wise woman of tekoah opens some very solid insight into the spiritual arena. Verse 14 states ‘...he (God) devises means that his banished be not expelled from him.’ Verse 17 then introduces this knowledge of Good and bad; ‘...For as an Angel of God, so is my Lord the King, to discern Good and bad....’ Verse 20 states thus, ‘...According to the wisdom of An Angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.’

From these verses we begin to learn that the knowledge of Good and Evil pertains to Angelic beings and that Angels (of God) have the Dunamis to know and access all things that are in the earth. Angels are spirits. They are therefore not limited to elements of time and space: they have no physical barriers.

Based on this angelic power of the Knowledge of Good and evil, Lucifer, while in heaven, chose Evil (Ezekiel 28:15). Angels have a choice. They were created with the power to choose. Their domain is the celestial. Humans on the other hand have their station and domain on earth (Psalms 115:16). Humans become full blown like Angels at the resurrection, not before (Mathew 22:30). That is why God told Adam to stick to his role as a ruler over the earth (Terrestrial) not in the second and third Heavens.

When the serpent thus brought up the concept of Becoming like gods, he had a deep rooted motive that would ultimately lead to death (spiritual first then physical last). Let us study the consequences of violating this command:

1. IDOLATRY:

Satan had the mind of challenging the existence of ONE GOD (Isaiah 45:5, 18). When Adam and Eve violated the command regarding this tree, their eyes were opened and they became like gods. Adam begat children in his image and his likeness (genesis 5:3) while fully in his sinful state and they too became like gods. This way, the enemy ‘temporarily succeeded’ and now the earth was littered with mini-gods who would eventually curve out images as a reflection of their corrupt perception of the heavenly operations. This, my brethren, is the fiber, chief root and spine of Idolatry. This is why when God first introduced the DECAHEDRON COMMANDMENTS, the first two commandments are a full throttle assault on the desire to become like god. (Exodus 20:3-5).

On the same breath, let us look at Genesis 3:22. Here the KJV states thus ‘And the Lord God said, Behold, Man is become as one of us to know good and evil.’ The original Hebrew bible translation reads this way ‘And the Lord God said, Man is become as ONE AWAY FROM US, to know both good and evil.’ Why AWAY FROM US? Because he has joined the 1/3rds of the fallen- demonic- angelic battalion who have knowledge and access to the spiritual delicacies but have the wrong Spiritual Outfit. Selah

2. FRUSTRATIONS.

In becoming like gods man began the long thread of frustrations in life that has wound its way to our present life. Why frustrations? Man became like gods BUT he is still LOCKED UP in this body of dust. This is unlike Angelic beings who do not have flesh as their covering. Man can dream big; that means that he can access the spiritual realm through sleep and imaginations but he must always wake up to his present decaying state courtesy of this tent of dung. He is limited! This is also the reason Drugs and alcoholism is rampant in the world today. Lack of potential balance of the possibility of BEING in the spiritual while living in the natural. Give me something to forget this inequality. (Proverbs 31:6-7).
3. **JUDGE**

Essentially the knowledge of both good and evil is necessary to Judge; just as knowledge of the law and knowledge of a crime is necessary for a Judge in a court of law. God’s plan for the saints is that they become Judges and members of the jury in this world (spiritual sense) and in the world to come. **1st Corinthians 6:2** ‘Do ye not know that the Saints shall judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you are unworthy to judge the small matters?’ this verse means that the knowledge of Good and evil was to come to Adam at a later maturity stage: to be precise after 1000 years and above, not before. Thus the intention of the serpent was to prematurely allow man to begin judging and interacting with bigger matter as opposed to taking the little steps and learning to judge the Small matters. **1st Corinthians 6:3** ‘Know ye not that ye shall judge the angels? How much more the things that pertains to this life? Meaning that God knew that man would have the power to discern good and evil and because of maturity, they would not be corrupted by this phenomenal.

Someone might ask regarding God being a judge; does that mean that he has the knowledge of Evil seeing that Habakkuk 1:13 states that ‘thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity...’ God is light (1st John 1:5) and IN HIM is no darkness at all. The ‘knowledge of Good and Evil’ that is associated to God in relation to HIM BEING A JUDGE is one that EXPOSES itself as God is REVEALED seeing that HE IS LIGHT. God does not NECESSARILY shine light. HE IS LIGHT!

4. **CONSEQUENCE IN GENESIS 6**

The devil began the immediate search for the potential seed of the woman that would crush his head (Genesis 3:15). He thought to himself: if I cannot destroy this seed, is there any chance I can participate and be involved with this seed by mingling myself with the blood of humanity? Commonly known as Nephilim, these Sons of God, also known as fallen angels who left their domain, took to themselves the daughters of men and gave birth to giants. This was a ploy by Satan to have these sons of God raise up flesh with the power and ability of angelic nature. Had they succeeded, they would have PERFECTED the Edenic sin of becoming like gods. THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL REASON THAT MOVED GOD TO WIPE OUT THAT ENTIRE GENERATION, SAVE FOR SEVEN SOULS + NOAH.

5. **CONSEQUENCE IN GENESIS 11**

The devil was not done yet. Through his agent, Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10), he caused them to journey from the east and found a place in the land of Shinar which tempted them to become Sedentary. Sedentariness always takes special forms; sedentary they became which birthed the interest in a strong alliance and in fame. They began to do two things: Build a great city and a tower (Genesis 11:4) whose top may reach unto heaven. Here he goes again; an attempt to reach the dwelling place of the Almighty and eventually become like God. An attempt at the original sin in Genesis 3.

The bible even has a special purpose in mentioning the materials used for the building work. **Genesis 11:3** ‘..And they had brick for stone and asphalt had they for mortar.’ The material that men used for their gigantic undertaking was perishable and unsatisfactory! **Bricks** in the spirit are types and symbolic of man-made religious programs which lack the consistency, strength and durability of the Rock of Ages. **Isaiah 65:3** ‘A people that provoked me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificed in gardens, and burned incense upon altars of brick.’ Here we find a picture of the wickedness of Israel. They should have made altars of stone (Exodus 20:25; Deuteronomy 27:5). Stones symbolize God. He is called the rock of ages (Isaiah 26:4 nkjv). Instead of that they made altars of brick, and bricks symbolizes Humanity. They substituted their own works (bricks) for and instead of God's works (stones).

A last point to note in Genesis 11 is the statement in verse 4 ‘...lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ God had previously in two occasions (Genesis 1:28 + Genesis 9:1) commanded Adam and Noah to be fruitful, multiply and fill -subdue- the earth.

The push to become like God has a driving undertone of rebellion against his commands.

To be continued next week.

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