

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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When the LORD created Adam from the dust of the ground, HE breathed into HIM and Adam became a living soul. The LORD then planted a Garden in Eden and put the man therein to dress and keep it. He was surrounded with the bounty of GOD's creation and was privileged to enjoy the beauty of that Garden and to commune with the LORD in his mortal state.

At this point, he had no knowledge of death and as yet had not tasted of the bitterness of death's curse. He was created to fulfill the exact purpose for which the LORD made him and he would in no wise do anything other than act according to the nature which was given him.

He was neither the master of his fate nor the captain of his soul. His times were in the hands of his CREATOR. The LORD forbade him to eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil and decreed his demise, when HE said, "*in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*" True to his corruptible nature he did knowingly eat of that fruit which the Serpent had beguiled Eve into partaking of and presenting to Adam. Thus in the eating of that fruit, in direct disobedience to GOD's commandment, he did plunge himself and all of his future posterity, into and under the curse of death which is "*by sin*".

Though it was Eve, who in her deception offered it to him, he was in the transgression as he gladly partook of it and could blame no one but himself, as he fulfilled the decree which GOD had made. Man in this state of fallen nature has always sought out an excuse for his sin, and it is impossible for him to recognize his own utter corruption before GOD apart from the enlightenment of the SPIRIT of GOD, whom the LORD has sent to "*reprove (i.e.; convince) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*"

In this fallen natural state man is convinced that he can approach unto GOD and even find favor with HIM by either abstaining from acts of sin or by some activity which he has designed to demonstrate his "righteousness" unto the LORD. He does not comprehend the utter contempt which the LORD has for all of the deeds which are performed in the power of human flesh.

Nor can he grasp the fact that "death" does reign in his mortal body because of sin. It is this reigning power of sin which forever separates him from the presence of a HOLY GOD, who is of purer eyes than to behold sin. Man surmises that sin is what he does, rather than understanding that sin is what he is.

Because of this blindness, he is often mired in various schemes and varieties of religions, superstitions, "*vain babblings,*" and "*science falsely so-called,*" which hold out hope to him that he might yet improve himself and escape the curse of death. This is the exact same reason that many pursue the lusts of the flesh, blindly thinking that such will offer them some reprieve from their own mortality and open up vistas of pleasure and satisfaction which will fulfill this quest.

Yet all of these pursuits are completely vain and ultimately leave them in the exact same condition that they were in from the beginning; under the inescapable curse of "*death by sin*". One cannot paint a bleaker picture than the reality of this condition, it cannot be exaggerated. Thus arise those who would tell men that they just need to think positively and dwell upon happy thoughts and not listen to the "naysayers", which is how they would characterize those who declare the truth as it is set forth in the Bible.

These same "blind guides" would also seek to inform men that the "faith" with which GOD is pleased is that which they are able to produce by a decision of their own free will. They would declare to their hearers a message which can neither heal their hurt, mollify their wounds, nor provide a remedy for this "*death by sin*" which they have inherited from Adam.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST has come into the world to cancel sin, thus removing the curse of death for all of those for whom HE has come to save. HE gives to them eternal life and they shall never perish. Thus we see sinners saved and CHRIST glorified. They mourn for their sin but rejoice in HIM who has delivered them from certain death. HE is the DEATH of death.

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