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THE TEACHING ABOUT MARRIAGE IN GENESIS 1 AND 2

God willed and initiated marriage by creating human beings as male and female. He made only a woman from the one rib He had removed from the man (Genesis 1:28 and 2:22).

Marriage is for pro-creation for God blessed Human beings to have many children so that their descendant would live over the earth (genesis 1:28.)

Sex in marriage is a divine gift from God for The blessed human beings after creating them to have many children meaning that they had to use sex for this purpose.

In marriage , the man and woman are complementary as evident in Genesis 2:18 in which the man was uncomfortable and incomplete without a woman.

In Marriage , the man and the woman are equal before God as He made human beings both male and female in His likeness.

Marriage is expected to be harmonious and full of Joy. This was the reason Adam expressed happiness upon seeing the woman brought to him.

Marriage is a permanent union. In Genesis, God created the woman from the man’s rib meaning that the two are part of each other.

Marriage is heterogeneous. It is supposed to be between a man and a woman for God made human beings as male and female.

In marriage, the man and woman are helpmates as God gave human beings; both male and female the responsibility of bringing the world under their control. Therefore, this is a call for husband and wives to work together.

Marriage should be based on mutual love. In Genesis 2:23, the man was extremely happy upon receiving the woman whom he referred to as one his kind and bone taken from his bone.

In marriage man and woman become one. God declared that a man would leave his father and mother and they would become one.

THE NATURE OR ATTRIBUTES OF GOD IN GENESIS 1 AND 2

God is pre-existent. It is evident that his spirit was moving over water before he started his work of creation using commands (Genesis 1:2).

God is the initiator of everything. He initiated the creation of whatever exists in the universe.

God is omnipotent. In Genesis 1, he used the command of “let there be...” and it did happen the way he said it.

God is a planner for in Genesis 1; he is presented doing his creational work in an orderly way following the sequence of days. This meant that he had a work plan.

God is spiritual in nature. In Genesis 1, His spirit moved over the water and by using commands, he is presented as invisible being.

God is three persons in one; the trinity. Evidently, he is quoted as saying “And now we will make human beings; they will be like and resemble us”. This meant that he was not alone in the work of creation (Genesis 1:6 |).

God is a provider. He provided human beings with all kinds of grain and fruit for them to eat (Genesis 1:29).

God is a source of happiness by nature. He is presented being filled with joy after completing a given task during his creational activities.

God loves by nature. He showed his to human being by making them in his likeness and went on to give them everything they needed for their survival.

God is a worker. He worked for six days and rested on the seventh day and he is portrayed as having taken the soil and man out of it. (Genesis 1:1-31 and 2:7).

He is the source of life. In Genesis 1, he gave life to whatever exists in the universe and in Genesis 2, he breathed a life giving breath into the nostrils of man and began to live.

God is presented as being all knowing. In Genesis 1, He is portrayed as having known that human beings needed what to eat and provided all kinds of grain and fruit. In Genesis 2, He knew that it was not good for man to live alone and formed a woman for him.

God is self-existent. His origin remains unknown as the two chapters only showed how he began his work of creation without tracing his background.

By nature, God is a designer. His work of creation is presented as being perfectly good that it made him pleased.

By nature, God is being portrayed as the creator. Genesis 2 presents him as a potter who took some soil from the ground and formed a man, birds and animals.

God is immortal by nature. Having created man in his own likeness, He warned him against eating the fruits of the tree of life that gives knowledge of what is good and bad.

THE NATURE OF MAN IN GENESIS 1 AND 2

Man is unique among the earthly creatures for he was made in the likeness of God meaning that he possessed some of his qualities (Genesis 1:26).

Human beings are equal before God for they were made in God's image and the same time and given equal responsibilities in Genesis 1. In Genesis 2, he remained lonely until God formed a woman and brought her to him (Genesis 1:26 and 2:18-22).

Human beings are procreators for God blessed them to have many children so that their descendants would live all over the earth. This meant they had to produce children (Genesis 1:28).

Human beings are co-creators with God for gave them the responsibility of bringing the world under their control and he was involved in naming birds and animals that God had formed (Genesis 1:28 and 2:19-20).

Man is a weak creature for in Genesis 2:7, God formed him from the soil he had taken from the ground.

By nature, man is a worker for they commanded to bring the world under their control through working and he was put in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and guard it (Genesis 1:28 and 2:15).

Man is dependent on God. In Genesis 1:29, they had to depend on God's provisions of all kinds of grain and fruit and in Genesis 2:18-20 they had to depend on God when he needed a woman.

Man desires companionship for he was lonely before the woman made from his own rib (Genesis 2:18-22)

By nature, man is a supreme being for God put him in charge of His other creatures particular the fish nature, man is knowledgeable. He had to differentiate between good and bad for he was are that eating the forbidden fruit would make him die the same day (Genesis 2:16-17)

Man is mortal. God warned him that he would only lose his immortality by eating the forbidden fruits (Genesis 2:17).

THE FALL OF MAN AND GOD'S JUDGMENT

(Genesis 3: 1-21)

God placed the man in the Garden of Eden purposely to cultivate and guard it after forming him out of the soil. He took from the group.

Besides, He made all kinds beautiful trees grow and produce good fruits in the Garden of Education.

However, He made also planted the tree of life that gave knowledge of what was good and bad in the middle of the garden.

He permitted man to eat the fruits tree in the Garden of Eden except the one in the middle of it thus inaugurating the concept of the forbidden fruit. This implied that man had the knowledge to distinguish between the tree identified.

God went on to warn the man on the dangers of eating the forbidden fruit. He would die on the same day. This implied that God has originally made to be immortal. However, his immortality came to be dependent on his obedience to the command of where or not he would eat the forbidden fruit.

Man's obedience was tested through the woman and the snake, which is presented as the most cunning animal that God had made and placed in the garden.

The snake with its cunningness lured the woman into eating the forbidden fruit after a short conversation in the absence of the man.

It deceived the woman into believing that they would be like God and know what is good and bad upon eating the forbidden. This played a key role in leading the woman into sinning as she imagined how wonderful it would be to become wise.

The snake's deception made the tree and its forbidden fruit appear beautiful and good to the woman thus she ate it and gave to her husband who also ate it.

However, soon after eating the fruit, both the man and the woman were given understanding fig leaves together and covered themselves before going into hiding.

However, when God appeared, both the man and the woman, they turned defensive and justified their action of eating forbidden and hiding. This showed they were unrepentant.

The man claimed to have been afraid of God and that the woman He had put with him gave him the fruit to eat. The woman blamed the snake for tricking her into eating the forbidden fruit. This implied they were claiming self-righteousness.

THE SINS COMMITTED IN THE EATING OF THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT

The sin of disobedience, for God had given them prior warning about the danger of their action that they would die on the same day.

Man expressed greed, for God had allowed them to eat the fruit of any tree in the garden except the one they went ahead and ate.

They tried to equate themselves with God, for the woman was tempted into eating the fruit after being told she would be like God himself.

Man was rebellious against the command God has given them. They already knew that it was bad for them to eat the forbidden but went on to the opposite.

Man tried to hide away from God's presence. However, he was their creator and therefore, they were obliged to be in His presence and enjoy close relationship with God.

Man lied to God by claiming that they had hidden from Him because they were afraid justifying that they were naked. However, the truth was that they had eaten the forbidden fruit.

Man was unrepentant as evident from their attempt to deny responsibilities of their actions by putting the blame onto others. The man blamed the woman who instead pushed the blame on the snake.

Man was arrogant and proud in his response to God by blaming him for having put the woman whom he accused of giving him the fruit to eat.

Man acted independently without consulting God, his own creator by eating the forbidden thus he thought he would live on his own.

Man betrayed God for they preferred to listen to the snake's deceptive words instead of obeying God's command.

Man trusted the snake instead of his own creator, God who had given all that he needed. This made them to fail to follow the simple command that He had given him.

Man allowed the snake to control and manipulate them. However, they were more supreme and ought to have controlled other creature.

Man abused the wisdom that God had given them for they had the intelligence to differentiate between what was good and bad.

Man was equally selfish for they ignored God in their decision to eat forbidden fruit. They failed to realize that they needed to share what they intended to do.

Man disrespected God by failing to follow the simple command he had given them amidst the vast choice of the fruits they had .

Man worshipped the snake instead of worshipping God , their creator for they followed the lies they had been told for they choose to relate with snake which had just appeared to them.

GOD'S JUDGEMENT AND PUNISHMENT

(THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL OF MAN IN GENESIS 3: 14FF)

God pronounced judgment and punishment on all the parties involved in eating of the forbidden fruit .The man the man and the snake all paid for their role in this incidence.

He increased the woman's troubles during pregnancy and experience of pain when giving birth. Besides, God made the woman miserable for she would have special desire for her husband.

The woman was made subjective to her husband. She had to be submissive to him meanness that the man would hold dominance over her.

God brought hatred between the woman and the snake for their offspring would be enemies. The woman's offspring would crush their heads and in the same they would bite their heels.

God put the soil under a curse for man's survival for it would produce weeds and thorns thus making it difficult for man to work .

Man was condemned to work all his life in order to get something to eat .this meant that work which was originally a blessing had now become a curse.

Man lost his mortality and then on, he would work hard and sweat until he would go back to the soil from which he was made thus he would become soil again.

God cursed the man into eating wild plants in order to survive. This meant that he lost were come to realize that they were naked.

The good relationship between man and God also came to an end. They started fearing him that they hid away from Him.

The snake was cursed into crawling on its belly from among all creatures .This seems to suggest the probably the snake had legs

Besides , God cursed the snake into eating dust as long as it lived for having misled the woman for eating the forbidden fruit.

THE NATURE OF SIN AS PORTRAYED IN GENESIS 3

Sin makes something appear attractive, persuasive and pleasurable the same way the forbidden fruit appeared good for eating to the woman.

Sin tends to create a sense of fear in a person who is in the wrong. It was this guilty conscience that forced Adam and Eve into hiding.

Sin destroys the existing good relationship between people evident by Adam turning to blaming his wife for having given him the forbidden fruit to eat.

Sin deprives a person of the sense of human dignity. Adam and Eve realized that they were naked thus they became ashamed of themselves.

It makes man sad and insecure for Adam and Eve lost their happiness because of their wrong actions Adam failed to defend himself before God and instead pointed an accusing finger to Eve.

Sin is an act of disobedience for Adam and Eve disobeyed the simple command that God had given and ate the forbidden fruit.

Sin is judged and punishable proved by God's judgment and punishment on all the parties involved in the eating of the forbidden fruit.

It is an act of irresponsible behavior as Adam and Eve failed in their duties as co-creators with God and allowed the snake to manipulate/confuse them.

Sin begins as an inner feeling before it is translated into an action. The forbidden fruit looked good to the woman who responded by eating it.

It tends to bring a person into understanding the self better just like the man and the woman who were brought to an understanding and the realization that they were naked.

The various ways in which man has continued to sin today

- Worshipping idols instead of God
- Committing murder yet its forbidden by God
- Sexual deviations forgetting that sex is only for the married people
- Involving in witchcraft instead of only worshipping one God.
- Lying or making empty promises
- Being unrepentant

- Divorce in marriages
- Discriminating each other
- Invention of destructive weapons
- Fierce hatred of one another
- Environmental degradation yet man was given the duty to manage and control the earth.
- Alcoholism
- Domestic violence
- Corruption and bribery
- Prayerlessness

THE NATURE OF GOD AND MAN AS PORTRAYED IN THE FALL OF MAN (Genesis 3:1-24)

GOD

- God is all knowing for He knew that Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit.
- God is omnipresent (everywhere) as he was with Adam and Eve in their hide out.
- God is all seeing for he followed Adam and Eve to their hiding place.
- He is patient for he gave a chance to both Adam and Eve to explain them.
- God is forgiving, he forgave Adam and Eve despite eating the forbidden fruit.
- He judges all that people do.
- He is immortal for he pronounced death on Adam and Eve.
- God is omnipotent(Powerful) as he spoke with authority.
- God loves. He showed his love to Adam and Eve by clothing them.
- God punishes any form of evil.
- God is merciful as he continued relating with Adam and Eve.
- God is righteous for He punished Adam and Eve for wrong deeds.
- He is holy and cannot tolerate acts of disobedience.
- He is righteous

MAN

- Man is greedy
- Man is proud and arrogant
- Man is easily tempted
- Man is a liar
- Man is rebellious
- Man is repentant
- Man is a betrayer
- Man is selfish

- Man is disrespectful
- Man is disobedient
- He is unfaithful
- He seeks wisdom

CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF SINS

- Jesus died on the cross for sins all
- It calls for repentance in order for one to be put right.
- Sin is personal that each individual is accountable for
- Any sin is judged from the heavenly kingdom
- All human beings are sinners before God
- It puts a person's faith to a test
- Every believer would be given chance to denounce his or her sin
- It is an act of human disobedience
- Jesus came for all sinners so that they may obtain salvation.
- Sins are very attractive and pleasurable
- Sin corrodes the soul of a person
- It destroys the good relationship between man and God
- Sin defiles one's holiness and the bodies of the believers.
- Sin can be forgiven especially if a person is able to realize his or her mistakes.

LESSONS CHRISTIANS LEARN FROM THE FALL OF MAN IN GENESIS 3

Christians should be satisfied with their own possessions. Adam and Eve sinned by being greedy by eating the forbidden fruit.

Christians should speak the truth. Adam and Eve lied to God that they had hidden because they were naked and afraid of him.

Christians should pray to God for whatever they need in their lives. Adam and Eve acted independently and ended up sinning.

Christians should obey the rules and regulations that govern the society. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's and were judged and punished.

Christians should repent of their sins so that they can be put right with God. Adam and Eve tried to justify their wrong deeds.

Christians should humble themselves before the people they serve. Adam was proud and significant to God.

Christians should treat each other equally taking the example of God who punished all the parties involved in the eating of the forbidden fruit.

Christian should forgive one another taking the example of God who forgave despite their acts of disobedience.

They should continue loving each other even when they have disagreed .God showed His love to Adam and Eve by clothing them.

Christians should trust God's provision for Adam and Eve lacked trust in the fruit God

Christians should seek God's guidance before doing Adam and Eve who failed to realize and accept their mistakes.

Christians should be patient with one another. God patiently waited for Adam and Eve to explain them before pronouncing his judgment.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL OF MAN ON CHRISTIANS TODAY

- Death has continued to occur
- Man toils for survival
- Domestic violence is common
- Women experience labor pain
- Some people tend to blame others for their wrong deeds
- Some women are submissive to men.
- People's crops are affected by bad weather.
- Some people eat wild fruits.
- Disharmony in the society.
- National Calamities like floods and landslides
- Human being are enemies to wild creatures
- Some people take work as a curse as they tend to over complain

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