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The Entrance of Sin – Study Three

Genesis 3 is known as the sin of man or the fall of man and the temptation by the serpent. But before we look at that subject, we must understand some very important information.

Genesis 3 does not describe the origin of sin, but it does describe the entrance of sin into the realm of humanity. Adam and Eve were historical people who sinned against their creator God. This was Paul's point when he penned Romans 5:12-21 and his application of righteousness concerning Adam's sin and Christ's righteousness.

Paul said in verse 12 of Romans 5 that "... by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

David in Psalm 51:5 put it like this:

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." The word "shapen" in this verse means "brought forth," and the two words "brought forth" means "in birth."

David is not saying that it is the act of giving birth that is sinful, nor is it the act of conceiving that is sinful. But he is saying, that from the moment of conception a person possesses a sinful nature.

Conservative Bible scholars agree that the statement in Romans 5:12 that says, "all have sinned" suggests that all humanity was a participant in Adam's sin. Because Adam was the first man all of humanity is of the offspring of Adam. Therefore, Adam's sin nature is attached to all of humanity.

Adam and Eve were historical people who sinned against God. The historicity of this event is critical to our understanding of salvation. In fact, there is no historical events to the heretical notion that Adam is simply a generic term representing the human race. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians refers to him as the "first man" (1 Corinthians 15:45).

Furthermore, there were no pre-Adamite men, as some have alleged, and no population of primates becoming Adam. It was our Lord Jesus who said, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female" (Mark 10:6). Jesus in this verse was referring to Genesis 1:27 where it says,

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Christ's own testimony, however, confirms Genesis 3 as a historical event, because the ones in Genesis 1:27 is the ones we see and are told about in Genesis 3.

“If Adam was not a real [person] who brought sin into the human race at one point in history, then there is no point to Jesus' redeeming humanity at another point in history” (Enns).

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