

God's Creation

The Book of Genesis records God's creation of this world and the things which He created. In chapter one God states this-- 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God not only created Adam and Eve, He created everything and told them to have dominion over everything that God had created. God made man in His own image and man was perfect in Body, Mind, and Spirit. We know this by verse 31--And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Please notice God's wording here....."IT WAS VERY GOOD". A Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon of the Old Testament defines "very" as an "adverb-(a) very, exceedingly, greatly, added to adjectives and verbs, as Gen.1:31". Now, let us look at what position God placed man in, that is second in command. Man was to have dominion over God's creation. God didn't create man and leave him alone to decide what course to pursue, He communicated with man in the Garden of Eden. But man sinned against God and was driven from the beautiful Garden of Eden. Sin separated Adam and Eve from the God who created them. Is it not safe to say that sin displeases, dishonors, and also separates the sinner from God? In this very first book of God's revelation to man, He reveals the origin, power, and consequences of sin. He also shows very clearly that all that are involved in sin will suffer the consequences of sin. But God, also, in this book starts to reveal His great plan which can redeem man from sin's guilt. You see, God does love His creation, listen to the apostle Paul in 1Timothy 2:3-4 "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth."

In the Roman Epistle Paul stated this fact: (10:23) "for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;" Now this being a fact, we need to understand what sin is and where did it originate from. If you will read Gen.3:1-13 you will see that it originated with Satan, he spoke through the serpent. What effect did sin have on Adam and Eve? Simply put, Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan and yielded to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. They disobeyed God by eating of the tree which God had clearly forbidden them to partake of and were driven from the beautiful Garden of Eden (Gen.3:14-24). By their sin, pain, toil, and death (both physical and Spiritual) fell upon God's beautiful world. Though people do not inherit the

guilt of Adam's sin, every person, since the day that Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden, knows the power and consequences of sin. Sin separates from God. Look at what is recorded in God's Word by His prophet Isaiah (59:1-2) " Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear." How, dear friend can one misunderstand what God has so clearly revealed! You see that sin brings the transgressor into bondage. This is not my opinion, it is what the Son of God declared, look at John 8:34; "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin. ". Any sin that we have committed if not forgiven, will result in a separation from God now and an eternal separation from His presence at our death. God has also revealed to man, His great love for him, in John 3:16 states this fact: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." We can clearly see by this profound statement that God has provided an escape from sin's guilt and consequences through the gift of His only begotten son. Some have a serious misunderstanding of what Jesus stated "BELIEVETH ON HIM" but we will deal with this a little later. It is quite clear to the serious student of God's Word that there is a theme (if you will) from Genesis chapter three through the entire Word of God of "SALVATION FROM SIN".

I want you to be very aware that I am only a man and if in the course of these articles you find anything that differs from God's pattern, please let me know, you will not offend me! You are my beloved brethren in Christ and we all want to be correct before Jehovah.

God's Word stated that we have all sinned, therefore, you and I need to understand what sin is, and the only way we will know for sure is to open God's Word and study (2Timothy 2:14) "14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging [them] in the sight of the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear. 15 Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."