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THE LIFE AND WORK THAT CHANGED THE AGE

Message One

God's Eternal Purpose and the Fall of Man

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 3:10-11; Gen. 2:7, 9; 1 Thes. 5:23; Gen. 3:3-6; Rom. 7:17-18a, 24; 6:6b; 5:19; John 8:44; 1 John 3:10; Rom. 5:18; John 3:18, 36; Rom. 5:12; Gen. 4:3, 5-7; Jude 11; Gen. 4:16-24; 6:2-3, 5-7, 11-12, 17

I. God's original intention, His eternal purpose—Gen. 1:26-27:

- A. To dispense Himself into His chosen people to produce a corporate man as His expression—Eph. 3:10-11, 16-19.
- B. To have a corporate man:
 - 1. In His image—for His expression—Gen. 1:26a, 27.
 - 2. Having His dominion—for His representation to deal with His enemy—Gen. 1:26b.
- C. Man created as a tripartite vessel with the capacity to receive God as life for the accomplishment of His eternal purpose—Gen. 2:7, 9; 1 Thes. 5:23.

II. The fall of man:

- A. The first fall of man—Adam and Eve—Gen. 3:1-6:
 - 1. The cause of the first fall of man:
 - a. The serpent's temptation:
 - (1) Satan deceived man, causing him not to depend upon God, but rather to depend upon something other than God—Gen. 3:5.
 - (2) Satan's way of deceiving man was by causing man to question God, His word, His heart and His intention—Gen. 3:3-6.
 - b. Not using their spirit.
 - c. The woman assuming the headship.
 - 2. The result:
 - a. Man's spirit being deadened—Eph. 2:1.
 - b. Man's soul being corrupted—Eph. 4:17-18a.
 - c. Man's body being changed in nature—Rom. 7:17-18a, 24; 6:6b.
 - d. Man being constituted sinners—Rom. 5:19.
 - e. Man becoming children of the devil—John 8:44; 1 John 3:10.
 - f. Man being condemned, awaiting God's judgment—Rom. 5:18; John 3:18, 36.
 - g. Death—Rom. 5:12.
- B. The second fall of man—Cain—Gen. 4:3, 5-7, 16-24:
 - 1. The cause of the second fall of man was that the Devil had gained Cain inwardly and Cain was presumptuous in forsaking God's way of salvation and going his own way—4:3, 5-7; Jude 11.
 - 2. The result of the second fall was Cain going out of the presence of Jehovah and forming a godless culture—Gen. 4:16-24.
- C. The result of the fall of man is that man is ruined and has no way to accomplish God's eternal purpose—Gen. 6:3, 5-7, 11-12.

III. God's way of salvation being passed to the future generations—Heb. 11:7.