

To Glorify and Enjoy God

LESSON 11: GOD GLORIFIED IN THE FALL OF MAN

Intro:

BIG IDEA: God is glorified as _____ in our _____.

WSC Q 13: Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

WSC Q 15: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

WLC Q 21: Did man continue in that estate wherein God at first created him?

A: Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, through the temptation of Satan, transgressed the commandment of God in eating the forbidden fruit; and thereby fell from the estate of innocency wherein they were created.

1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.

- The Standards affirm the _____ of the Genesis account; particularly Adam & Eve.
- They exercised their _____ in transgressing God's commandment.
- They had no _____ to sin, but were righteous though _____.
- They were tempted, and _____, by Satan, but the _____ was theirs.
- God did not make them sin, but _____ them to in accordance with His holy will.
- They _____ from their high estate when they sinned. Their act _____ them.

“Man was created on a far higher plane of existence than any of us presently occupies.” **R.C. Sproul**⁸³

“He did not first make him, and then make him righteous, but in the very making of him, He made him righteous.” **Thomas Boston**⁸⁴

“Man's affections, then, in his primitive state, were pure from all defilement, free from all disorder and distemper, because in all their motions they were duly subjected to his clear reason, and his holy will.” **Thomas Boston**⁸⁵

⁸³ Sproul, Vol. 1, pp. 177.

⁸⁴ Boston, Thomas. *Human Nature in its Fourfold State*. Carlisle, Banner of Truth. 1964, pp. 38.

⁸⁵ Boston, pp. 43.

“Men exercise choice according to their prevailing desires and affections. ... And the character of their prevailing affections and desires is determined by the moral state of their souls.” **A.A. Hodge**⁸⁶

WSC Q 17: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body.

- Adam & Eve fell from their original righteousness- their right _____ w/God.
- The communion or fellowship with God also changed. Now at _____ with God.
- This new state is dead in sin. _____ to God & under the death _____.
- This is total _____ or radical depravity.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **Ephesians 2**

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ... **Colossians 2**

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ... **Colossians 1**

WSC Q 16: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression.?

A: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

WLC Q 22: Did all mankind fall in that first transgression?

A: The covenant being made with Adam as a public person, not for himself only, but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in that first transgression.

WLC Q 23: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

WLC Q 26: How is original sin conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity?

A: Original sin is conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity by natural generation, so as all that proceed from them in that way are conceived and born in sin.

3. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.

⁸⁶ Hodge, pp. 106.

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- Some held to _____, that we _____ in Adam and therefore sinned with him.
- Edwards held a different form; the heavenly _____ was corrupted.
- The Standards hold to _____ Headship by which Adam's sin was _____ to us.
- Adam was our perfect _____ before God. His _____ was ours.
- This guilt of sin is passed down to all _____ of a man & a _____.
- Jesus was not descended by _____ generation.

⁸ In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

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¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ...

For if many died through one man's trespass, ... the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, ...

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, ... ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,.. **Romans 5**

“We cannot say that Adam misrepresented us. As God's perfectly selected representative, Adam represented us flawlessly.” **R.C. Sproul**⁸⁷

“Realism seeks to solve that problem by suggesting that we can be held accountable for the sin of Adam because we really sinned with Adam.” **R.C. Sproul**⁸⁸

“We are sinners in virtue of one man's disobedience, independently of our own personal sins; and we are righteous in virtue of another's obedience, independently of our own personal qualifications.” **Robert Shaw**⁸⁹

“It is as natural for us to hide sin, as to commit it.” **Thomas Boston**⁹⁰

“We are born spiritually blind, and cannot be restored without a miracle of grace.” **Thomas Boston**⁹¹

WSC Q 18: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

WLC Q 25: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of that righteousness wherein he was created, and the corruption of his nature, whereby he

⁸⁷ Sproul, Vol. 1, pp. 186.

⁸⁸ Sproul, Vol. 1, pp. 183.

⁸⁹ Shaw, pp. 80.

⁹⁰ Boston, pp. 77.

⁹¹ Boston, pp. 81.

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was utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite unto all that is spiritually good, and wholly inclined to all evil, and that continually; which is commonly called *original sin*, and from which do proceed all actual transgressions.

4. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.

- We are guilty of Adam's _____ sin. It was his only sin as our _____.
- We are not guilty of Eve's though she sinned first because she wasn't our _____.
- We lack the original _____ with which Adam (and Eve) was created.
- Therefore our nature is now corrupt so we are _____ to evil & disinclined to good.
- This is _____ sin, from which all our actual, _____ sins proceed.

...³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **Ephesians 2**
³⁵The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. **Matthew 12**

“The natural man’s chief end is not God, but himself.” **Thomas Boston**⁹²

“The natural man’s affections are wretchedly misplaced; he is a spiritual monster. ... He loves what he should hate, and hates what he should love.” **Thomas Boston**⁹³

“His intellect is not annihilated by sin, nor is it made inoperative. But it invariably works error.” **G.I. Williamson**⁹⁴

5. This corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be, through Christ, pardoned, and mortified; yet both itself, and all the motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.

- This paragraph is intended to reject any notion of _____.
- Regeneration is total in the same way that depravity is. Every _____ but not complete.
- Regeneration breaks the _____ of sin, but not the _____ of sin.
- This means that we still need to be _____ although we are saved.

“Yes, sin continues to “live” (that is, to survive) in the believer, but it is a horrible perversion of the truth to think that the believer may live in sin.” **G.I. Williamson**⁹⁵

“Regeneration does not instantly and automatically eliminate the consequences of our fallen nature. ... Regeneration frees us from total bondage to sin, from moral inability. ... Nevertheless,

⁹² Boston, pp. 125.

⁹³ Boston, pp. 127.

⁹⁴ Williamson, pp. 55.

⁹⁵ Williamson, pp. 61.

the corruption remains throughout our lives, and its remains yield actions that may truly and properly be called sin.” **R.C. Sproul**⁹⁶

WSC Q 14: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

WSC Q 19: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

WLC Q 24: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, any law of God, given as a rule to the reasonable creature.

WLC Q 27: What misery did the fall bring upon mankind?

A: The fall brought upon mankind the loss of communion with God, his displeasure and curse; so as we are by nature children of wrath, bond slaves to Satan, and justly liable to all punishments in this world, and that which is to come.

6. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto, doth, in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner, whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God, and curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal, and eternal.

- They finally define sin for us- _____ the righteous _____ of God.
- Breaking the law brings the _____ or the punishment of the law as determined by God.
- We are therefore subject to _____: there are no venial sins, only _____ sins.
- We experience spiritual _____: guilt, loss of communion with God, _____ ...
- We experience _____ miseries: jail, loss of relationships, _____.
- Unrepentant sinners experience _____ misery in the Final Judgment.

“Every person that is born according to the course of nature is born unclean. If the root be corrupt, so must the branches be.” **Thomas Boston**⁹⁷

“The will was once God’s deputy in the soul, set to command there for Him; but now it is set up against Him.” **Thomas Boston**⁹⁸

How does this help us glorify and enjoy God?

⁹⁶ Sproul, Vol. 1, pp. 192.

⁹⁷ Boston, pp. 65.

⁹⁸ Boston, pp. 105.