

The Consequences 3 – Expelled from the Garden

Gen 3 ²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

* **To really** understand this passage, we need to understand what two things?

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* **Vs 22:** Ordinarily, becoming like God is a good thing, but here it is bad because man has become like God in one sense while becoming like the _____ in another.

Heb 5 ¹³ [E]veryone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature ... who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

* **What** were Adam and Eve were supposed to do?

Lk 4 ⁴ “Man shall live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”

Jn 5 ³⁰ “My judgment is righteous because I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me” ... ^{8:29} “I always do the things that please him” ... ⁴⁴ “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.”

* **Behind** the issue of ultimate authority is the issue of whether you want to be a child of the heavenly _____.

Hosea 6 ⁶ For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. ⁷ But like Adam they have transgressed the covenant; There they have dealt treacherously against Me. [NASB]

Deut 10 ¹² “[W]hat does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?” ...

^{11:22} “[I]f you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him”

* **How does** Jesus help us understand the real issues?

Luke 15 ¹¹ “A certain man had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him ... ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. ²⁵ Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing ... ²⁸ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time’ ... ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’ ”

Rom 8 ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ

*** Vs 22-24:** What is the true nature and source of life?

Luke 24 ³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. ³² And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

John 17 ¹ "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Deut 30 ¹⁹ "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days"

*** What is** the connection between God, life, food, and fellowship?

Gen 1 ²⁷ God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them ... ²⁷ [T]he LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat ... ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam ... and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man ...

1Cor 10 ¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ We, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

Lk 13 ²⁸ "[W]hen you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God ... ²⁹ ... they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.

*** Being the** place of special communion with God, the Garden was where heaven and earth were _____.

Gen 28 ¹¹ So [Jacob] ... lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham ... ¹⁴ [I]n you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed" ... ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke ... and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. ¹⁷ ... This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

John 1 ⁵¹ "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."