

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo” John 7:18-24

The Greater Moses came to earth to do 3 things: 1. Reveal the true nature of the Father 2. Seek and save the lost 3. Offer the Kingdom to Israel

The age of accountability begins with self-awareness, then others-awareness and finally, God-awareness.

So, the clearer the Lord Jesus makes the issue, the greater the division among the hearers.

All men must answer Pilate’s question: “What then shall I do with Jesus Who is called the Christ?”

Review from John 7:17:

“ANYONE WHO CHOOSES to do the will of God WILL FIND OUT whether My teaching comes from God or whether I speak on My own.” This means that if anyone is positive at God-consciousness (the age of accountability), God will provide Gospel information regardless of geographical location or language barrier.

Unbelieving heathen remain in that condition, not because they have never heard or never could hear

of God and His grace offer of salvation but rather because they’ve willfully chosen to reject the general revelation of God clearly seen in His creation when it’s obviously all around them.

So, what does Adam’s decision to sin thousands of years ago have to do with us today?

Romans 5:12 “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin and in this way, death came to all people because all sinned.”

Paul explains something here that far too many Christians don’t quite understand and that’s the necessity for reconciliation to God because God’s justice is crediting Adam’s original sin to us, rather than God’s justice crediting our own personal sins to us.

While the sin nature simply pays a subsistence allowance to its slave, God in His grace gives abundant benefits to His children.

And rations indicate earning or deserving something but grace benefit indicates unearned, therefore undeserved sustenance.

Hell is earned and deserved but Heaven cannot be earned or deserved; Hell depends on the work

of man; Heaven depends on the work of God.

Something important to note: The love of God could not restrain the fall but the integrity of God acts as a tremendous restraint on man.

Until man had something permanent like the righteousness of God and eternal life in him, it was going to be a temporal relationship with God.

The relationship was perfect but it did not have permanence but we who have the Lord Jesus Christ, have a relationship with permanence and that's eternal security!

And lest anyone blames God for Adam's original sin like Lucifer, capacity for perfect environment was provided through biblical truth living in the soul; that which Jesus taught them every evening.

Spiritual death represents an impenetrable barrier between God and man established by the integrity of God at the time of Adam's original sin; a barrier perpetuated throughout all of human history, which consequently can only be removed by its Founder's integrity. Removal of the barrier demands two things: 1. The function of the justice of God in removing our sins when our Lord was carrying them on the cross and 2. The crediting of God's righteousness to anyone in the human race who will believe in His Son,
Spiritual death is perpetuated through physical birth; we are born physically alive and simultaneously spiritually dead.

When Adam disobeyed God's prohibition, he made a decision for the entire human race regarding a tree and now each member of the human race must also make a decision regarding another tree: the cross of Jesus Christ.

One man's decision places all of us under spiritual death but one other man or woman's own decision of faith alone in Christ alone provides us with an eternal relationship with God, so we actually have something far better than that which Adam lost!

The reason we are born with a sin nature and under spiritual death is because we would have done exactly what Adam did.