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The Adamic Covenant—The blessing within the curse *Part 19—The Covenants of the Bible*

We are immersed in a deep study of the covenants of the Bible—presently examining the Adamic Covenant. We left off discussing the serpent’s temptation of Eve. As soon as Eve had opened the door of doubt as to the certainty of death resulting from disobedience, the devil slid right through that door and assured Eve that “ye shall not surely die.” In other words, you won’t *really* die.

Sadly, most churches proclaiming the name of Christ today are repeating the very same lie of the devil when they teach the doctrine of the *immortal* soul. It is not found in the Bible.

The churches are teaching that nefarious doctrine when they assert that after you die, *you don’t really die*. *Only your body dies. Your soul, which is the real you, goes right on living after your body dies.* My dear brothers and sisters, that is false! The serious Bible student can obtain multiple lectures on that subject in CD (audio) format in my series on hell (see pg. 4).

Thus far in the account of the temptation we have seen, the *questioning* of the Word of God, followed by the *adding to* the Word, followed by the *weakening* of the Word, followed by the serpent’s outright *lie* about the Words of God, and now finally we come to a further degradation of the Word of God as the devil *misinterprets* the Word of God

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

You see, this was not really a lie, because after eating of the forbidden tree, their eyes were opened, were they not!?! They then became aware of both good and

evil. As I stated in Sacred Secrets of the Sovereignty of God, prior to the Fall, Adam and Eve enjoyed the bliss of Paradise in the Garden. But they really did not understand how good they had it. They could not understand *good* because they had nothing to compare it to. One can only understand things by comparison with other things. We understand light because there is darkness; hot because it is opposed to cold; soft vs. hard; black vs. white; up vs. down, inside vs. outside, etc.

But the deception of the devil here was in how the devil presented the option to disobey to Eve. He said, you and Adam will be as gods, knowing good and evil. In other words, the serpent put a very positive spin on it; that this would be something very desirable and beneficial to them.

In essence, the appeal was to Eve’s pride and the desire for wisdom. Now let me parse those. By pride we do not mean the type of pride that a mother has for her children; or the pride a man takes in a job well done. That is not sin. We are talking about the type of pride exhibited by Eve here; pride that we know better than God.

We tell ourselves; well, yes, I know God commanded such and such, but I don’t understand why He would command that; and I can see several reasons why it shouldn’t be forbidden, and so I am going to overrule God in this case. It is the pride of heart. The pride deep within ourselves that we know better than God. That is what led to her disobedience.

Next, wisdom. It is certainly not a sin to seek wisdom, is it? The Bible has much to say about wisdom, especially in the Book of Proverbs. Solomon asked for wisdom and God made him the wisest man of all time,

with the exception of Jesus, of course, who was God in the flesh. So there is nothing wrong or sinful in desiring wisdom.

The sin was (a) in the timing and (b) in the means. We can construct an analogy of parents and children. There are certain things which we want to teach our children as they grow up into adulthood. But there are certain things which should not be taught until they reach a certain level of maturity—the birds and the bees, for example.

Another example: a father wants to train his son in the proper use of firearms, but three years old is a bit early for the boy to be learning about how to properly use a Ruger .22. In fact, if the little boy “partakes” of the .22, let’s imagine that he is looking to see what is in that hollow tube and he accidentally bumps the trigger, he will surely die. So the proper timing of learning wisdom is critical.

Moreover, the means of learning can be equally critical. For example, good parents do not want their children learning about the birds and the bees “from pimps and hookers on the street,” as it were. And a father does not want his son, even if he is of age to learn about firearms, say eight or ten or twelve or fifteen years of age, depending on the firearm—whatever it is, a father will determine when his son has the maturity to learn how to handle firearms responsibly, and when he does, he would not want his son to be trained by a professional assassin on the various techniques of murdering people. That is not the proper means to obtaining wisdom.

Back to the Garden now, where the deceiver has now succeeded in seducing Eve’s mind so that she believes the liar.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Thus, the conditions, the terms of the Edenic Covenant were broken and it automatically generated the curse of death and all the concomitant curses which were ancillary to it. But yet, most ingeniously of our Father, in invoking the curse of the Edenic Covenant upon our first parents, God simultaneously was initiating the Adamic Covenant which contained within it the seed, the kernel, the germ of the promise of redemption from the Fall.

In other words, in pronouncing punishment, the greatest blessing was curled up inside of it. Isn’t your

Father phenomenal? Let us now look at verses 14 through 19 much more closely. This is the pronouncement of judgment *and* the Adamic Covenant.

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD [YHWH] God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Oh, there is so much in these verses which I would like to pursue—and some day we shall—but I shall restrain myself today regarding those concepts not directly related to the covenants proper. I shall restrain myself to just a few questions or comments which are intended to get you thinking beyond the simplistic explanations many of us heard in children’s Sunday School and which may still form the basis of our understanding of these potent passages.

As noted earlier, God addresses the serpent first and He is cursing the serpent. As part of that curse, God decrees that “upon thy belly shalt thou go.” Here’s one of those questions now: Does that mean that before the Fall, that snakes did not move about on their bellies? It seems to imply that, doesn’t it? Because if snakes were already moving about on their bellies, then where is the curse?

Next, God tells the snake that it will eat dust all the days of its life. Well, as far as I know, snakes eat rodents and any other small animal that it can swallow, but I don’t think that snakes literally eat dust—readers can correct me if I am wrong. Is anyone here a herpetologist?

But here’s another thought: Worms are “serpents” after a fashion because they move in a serpentine manner. And they literally eat the dust, they ingest dirt and process it, don’t they? Furthermore, God says that we are dust and unto dust we will return. Most of us have some understanding of parasitology in that our bodies are constantly fighting off internal parasites, right? Many of these internal parasites are worms, or serpents, if you will. So in that sense, does the serpent eat dust?

The snake also eats the dust euphemistically. It is in a similar sense to when we speak of a warrior—and we usually say this of the bad guys, that one of them “bites the dust.” It is a euphemism for the fact that the bad guy was mortally wounded and often times, he will fall to the ground with his face in the dirt.

We can look at it on still another level because while it appears that God is pronouncing this curse on

the literal snakes of the reptile family, class, order, genus—what’s the right term there?... In any case, there is no question that there was some kind of evil supernatural entity which is in view here also—as will become plain in the next verse or two—and therefore, another way to look at the curse of eating dust is that this evil entity which we call the serpent, the devil, the dragon and satan will seek to consume men in a spiritual sense.

Supernatural “serpents” feed on man. When men and women show forth the bad fruits of pride, greed, covetousness, maliciousness, concupiscence, envy, murder, deceit, lying, contentiousness, theft, wrath, idolatry and on and on; those negative spiritual energies are food for the devil. He thrives on “wicked vibes,” to put it in a street vernacular. The bad news for the devil is that he cannot be good; he depends on the wickedness of man for his food.

And someone is surely thinking: “well, wait a minute. I thought the devil was immortal, why does he need food.” No, he is not immortal. The adversary—evil spiritual beings have been alive for a long time, and there is still some time to go, but the Word of God assures us that there will come a time when satan will be no more.

As for needing food, of course, we are using the eating and food terms as metaphors here. Satan does not need material food. But I believe—it is my opinion and I’m not being dogmatic about it, but I believe that evil spiritual entities thrive and derive some sort of spiritual energy or spiritual fuel from the evil activities of mankind.

As I said, this is my opinion. I cannot give you chapter and verse on that except that I see that as a possible level of interpreting the curse on the serpent that it will “eat dust.” And now we come to, in my view, the “John 3:16” of the Old Testament. Genesis 3:15. God says to the serpent:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

I call it the “John 3:16” of the Old Testament because just as many Christians believe that John 3:16 is THE key, THE pivotal verse of the entire Gospel, so I believe that Genesis 3:15 is THE pivotal verse of the Old Testament. Now of course, man does not live by bread alone, but by *every* word of God; so I am not trying to downplay all the rest of the Old Testament; but calling it the John 3:16 is simply a way of emphasizing that this verse has extraordinary implications

and ramifications. That is because this is the verse which has the blessing embedded within the curse. In theology, they have a special term for this verse. It is called the Protoevangelium. Yes, it’s a twenty dollar word, but it is very simple to understand. Just break it down. Proto—everybody has heard the word “prototype.”

A company builds a prototype model. It’s the first attempt; the first construction of the new, fully-operating model. Proto simply means “first.” And every Christian knows what an evangelist is. He or she is a proclaimer of the Gospel, the Good News. *Evangelium* is simply the Latin form, derived from the Greek, and it is the same root for the word *evangelist*. So Protoevangelium simply means “first Gospel.”

Genesis 3:15 is called the first gospel because it contains the first proclamation of the good news of redemption from the Fall. Let’s now break it apart.

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

First, what does the word “enmity” mean? It means hatred, pure and simple hatred. Now, remember that God is still addressing the serpent here and because of Revelation 12:9 we know that God is addressing more than a reptile. He is also addressing that great dragon which was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan.

But if we choose to even consider merely the literal level here, one can see that this is undoubtedly the reason why most people have this otherwise inexplicable revulsion, loathing and aversion to snakes. There are exceptions, of course, herpetologists and others; but mankind simply seems to have this built-in hatred of snakes. Duh...well, on the literal level, God said right here He would put enmity between snakes and mankind. I am content with that explanation, aren’t you?

Someone is going to be sure to bring up the objection that women do not have seed, so let’s speak to that for a moment. As we all know, a man has seed (i.e., sperm) and a woman has eggs, and when the two are joined, a new life begins. So what is meant here by referring to the seed of the woman? Well, we also know that the word *seed* is often used as a figure of speech whereby it means the offspring, the progeny, the descendants of a person.

As in the phrase “Abraham’s seed,” it clearly means the descendants of Abraham. In the Bible, it is always used in reference to men, never of women—

except in this one case where it refers to seed of the woman. The Hebrew word is *zera* and grammatically it is a masculine, singular noun. For that reason, it has to be referring to one single man who would be unique in that He would be born of the “seed” of a woman. But since, biologically speaking, women do not produce seed, it means that one particular woman would have the Promised Seed miraculously implanted in her womb.

Thus, because no mortal man’s seed was involved in that conception process, this One who would be the Promised Seed would not inherit the mortality and subsequent sin nature of all the rest of Adam’s descendants. This verse therefore is a somewhat veiled prophecy of the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ.

So here in one little phrase in verse 15, which was spoken four thousand years and written down fifteen hundred years before it occurred, was a perfect description of a Man who would be born of a woman without the literal seed, without the sperm, of any mortal man being part of the conception process.

And that man was God in the flesh, whose mission it was to destroy the work of the devil. By doing so, He was reversing the curse of which we are now reading here in Genesis 3. That is the Protoevangelium. That is the first mention of the good news, and there it is sandwiched in between the curses.

We have looked at the literal level, but of course, this enmity, this hatred is not merely between rattlesnakes and human beings. Because while disgust for snakes was the curse upon the dumb animal which God had imbued with speech in order for it to be used by satan, it is clearly to the evil spirit, to satan, to the devil, that this verse has the greater meaning. Now to really get your neurons firing, was it really a “dumb animal/reptile” that God imbued with speech and was used by “satan?” Or could it possibly have anything to do with an actual reptilian race of beings who have been “hanging around” the earth for thousands of years? Again, I am not being dogmatic, but I present it as food for thought. Our presently available series of books on our Secret Space Program offers much more on this possibility!

This “enmity” is a hatred between the seed of the devil and the seed of the woman. But we have a problem here if the seed of the woman only refers to Christ Jesus, because this enmity is obviously referring to hatred between offspring of the woman and the devil and his fellow evil spirits.

Now, once again I will state that I am well aware of, and I have done extensive reading and study of the

various theories which go by the generic name of “dual seedline” doctrine. Dual or two seed-line teaching alleges as its central idea that the serpent was actually a humanoid-type (reptilian) being (possessed by satan) who sexually seduced Eve, and that Cain was the product of that union, and that the descendants of Cain are with us today as flesh and “cold?”-blooded human beings.

I reject the teaching that the serpent *sexually* seduced Eve, but I leave the door open that the “serpent” could have been a reference to a reptilian humanoid. Other than the few remarks I am making about it here, I will not go into it further in this series because our focus is on the covenants, not on the satanic (dual) seed-line doctrine. Therefore I interpret this clause in accordance with the overwhelming majority of Bible scholars throughout the centuries; namely, that the seed of the serpent are those who follow after evil.

(To be continued)

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