

TRUTH BE TOLD 8.5 END FROM THE BEGINNING

WHERE IS ADAM???
SECTION 1

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We are in the great day of atonement, a time when we must be afflicting our souls, confessing our sins, humbling our hearts before God, and getting ready for the great conflict. When these contentions come in before the people, they will think one has the argument, and then that another directly opposed has the argument. The poor people **become confused**, and the conference will be a **dead loss**, worse than **if they had had no conference**.

Now when everything <u>is dissension and strife</u>, there must be decided efforts to handle, to publish with pen and voice, these things that will reveal <u>only</u>
<u>harmony</u>.—Letter 37, 1887 (Manuscript Releases, vol. 15, pp. 20-22). {CTr 330.7}

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The Word of God <u>is the great detector of error</u>; to it we believe everything must be brought. The Bible must be our standard for <u>every doctrine</u>. We must study it reverentially. We are to receive no one's opinion without comparing it with the <u>Scriptures. Here is divine authority, which is</u> <u>supreme in matters of faith.</u> {CTr 331.3}

LET ME THEREFORE STUDY TO SHOW MYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD (REF. 2 Tim 2:15)

STUDY LINEUP

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The **MAN**date

Gods Displeasure

Why The Scattered Flock?

Why The Shattered Home?

True Restoration:

The Priest, Pastor, Husband, Father, Man

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Where Is Adam? What is your Spiritual condition MAN?

❖ Adam (H120 – Man, Human Being, First Man)

Genesis 3:9-11

- ❖ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou?
- And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.
- And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

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Job 31:33

> If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by <a href="https://hittage.nih.gov/

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True To Duty

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Looks after his family...



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Ezekiel 3:16-21

And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Again, When a righteous [man] doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous [man], that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.





Prayer

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A Word on the Prophets

Prominent among the prophets of Israel were Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. In **stirring words** they called upon the people to turn from their evil ways, giving assurance that the Lord would **graciously receive and bless them**, and would heal their backslidings. Some of the writings of these prophets have a **special application** to the time in which we live. They wrote of things which should "come to pass in the last days," or in the "time of the end" CET 239.2



[There is] a conspiracy of her prophets (*H5030* – *spokesman, speaker*) in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

Her priests (H3548 – chief ruler, officer) have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed [difference] between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

Ezekiel

22:25,26

Jeremiah's Opposition, Todays Reality

So strong was the opposition against Jeremiah's message, so often was he derided and mocked, that he said, "I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name." Thus it has ever been. Because of the bitterness, hatred, and opposition manifested against the word of God spoken in reproof, many other messengers of God have decided to do as Jeremiah decided. But what did this prophet of the Lord do after his decision? Try as much as he would, he could not hold his peace. As soon as he came into the assemblies of the people, he found that the Spirit of the Lord was stronger than he was. The record is: "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him." {4BC 1156.7}

In this generation, when God's servants speak the word of the Lord to reprove wrong-doers, to rebuke those who bring in wrong principles, have they not had an experience similar to that which Jeremiah had? When a course of action to pervert justice and judgment is introduced, the word of the Lord must be spoken in reproof. In this our day we find the very same difficulties that the Lord's servants found in the days of ancient Israel when they were sent to expose existing evils that were corrupting in their influence (MS 56, 1902).

To be a pastor or a leader of Gods people is a great and awesome responsibility. Therefore, we must be in constant prayer that God takes control of the leaders of His church of which we are part

Sleeping Time OVER

Are we awake to the work that is going on in the heavenly sanctuary, or are we waiting for some compelling power to come upon the church before we shall arouse? Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come. {1SM 122.1}

There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. We must enter upon the work individually. We must pray more, and talk less. Iniquity abounds, and the people must be taught not to be satisfied with a form of godliness without the spirit and power. If we are intent upon searching our own hearts, putting away our sins, and correcting our evil tendencies, our souls will not be lifted up unto vanity; we shall be distrustful of ourselves, having an abiding sense that our sufficiency is of God. {1SM 122.2}

We have far more to fear from within than from without.

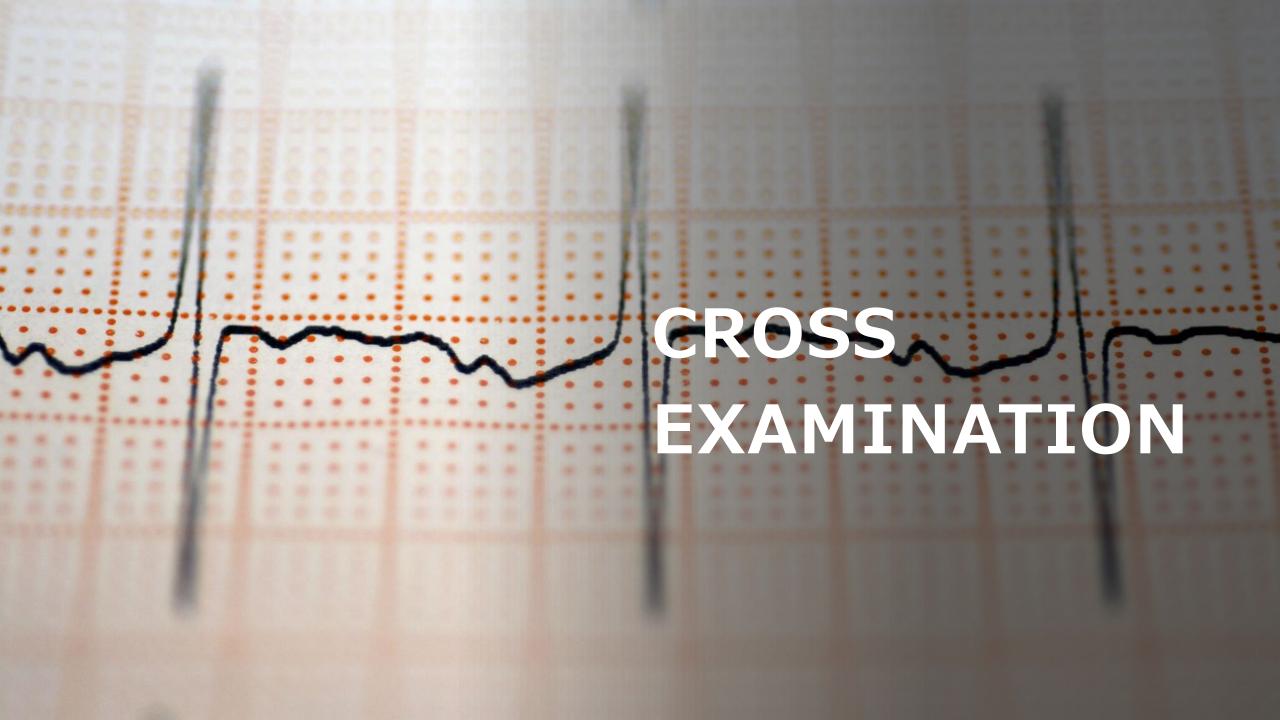
Function by Definition – Pastor

Pastor (H7462)

- To pasture,
- To shepherd,
- Herdsman,
- A ruler,
- A Teacher,
- Companion,
- Special friend



- 7 Mentions, 7 Warnings of Gods Displeasure
- 1 Book



Jeremiah 2:4-8 – Where Is Adam?

- 2:4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the **house of Israel**:
- 2:5 Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone <u>far from me</u>, and have <u>walked after vanity</u>, and are <u>become vain?</u>
- 2:6 Neither said they, Where [is] the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?
- 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.
- 2:8 **The priests** said not, Where [is] the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: **the pastors also transgressed against me**, and **the prophets** prophesied by Baal, and walked after [things that] do not profit.

Jeremiah 3:11-15

- 3:11 And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.
- 3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, <u>Return</u>, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; [and] I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: <u>for I [am] merciful, saith the LORD, [and] I will not keep [anger] for ever.</u>
- 3:13 Only <u>acknowledge thine iniquity</u>, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.
- 3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for <u>I am married unto you</u>: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:
- 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 10:19-22

- 10:19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this [is] a grief, and I must bear it.
- 10:20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they [are] not: [there is] none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
- 10:21 <u>For the pastors are become brutish(H1197 to burn, consume)</u>, and have not sought the **LORD**: therefore they shall not prosper, and <u>all their flocks shall be scattered</u>.
- 10:22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, [and] a den of dragons.

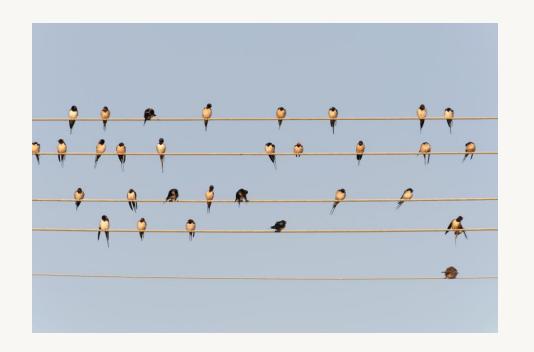
Jeremiah 12:8-11

- 12:8 <u>Mine heritage</u> is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.
- 12:9 <u>Mine heritage</u> [is] unto me [as] a speckled bird, the birds round about [are] against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.
- 12:10 <u>Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard</u>, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made <u>my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness</u>.
- 12:11 They have made it desolate, [and being] desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth [it] to heart.

Cutting truths must not be shunned

By some there is shunning of the living testimony. <u>Cutting truths must not be shunned</u>. <u>It needs</u> <u>something besides theory to reach hearts now</u>. It needs the stirring testimony to alarm and arouse; that will stir the enemy's subjects, <u>and then honest souls will be led to decide for the truth</u>. There has been and still is with some a disposition to have everything move on very smoothly. They see no necessity <u>of straight testimony</u>.

<u>Opposition</u> has risen in the church <u>to the plain testimony</u>. Some will not bear it. They wish smooth things spoken unto them. <u>And if the wrongs of individuals are touched, they complain of severity, and sympathize with those in the wrong</u>. As Ahab inquired of Elijah, "Art thou he that <u>troubleth Israel</u>?" they are ready to look with suspicion and doubt upon those who <u>bear the plain testimony</u>, and like Ahab overlook the wrong which made it necessary for reproof and rebuke. When the church depart from God <u>they despise the plain testimony</u>, and complain of <u>severity and harshness</u>. It is a sad evidence of the <u>lukewarm state of the church</u>. {2SG 283.3}



Why Is The Flock Scattered?

Jeremiah 22:21,22

I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; [but] thou saidst, I will not hear. This [hath been] thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

22:21

22:22

The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

No Scruples – Booster Shot

Just as long as God has a church, he will have those who will cry aloud and spare not, who will be his instruments to reprove selfishness and sins, and will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. I saw that individuals would rise up against the plain testimonies. It does not suit their natural feelings. They would choose to have smooth things spoken unto them, and have peace cried in their ears. I view the church in a more dangerous condition than they ever have been. Experimental religion is known but by a few. The shaking must soon take place to purify the church. {2SG 284.1}

CAUSE AND EFFECT

<u>Preachers should have no scruples to preach the truth as it is found in God's word</u>. <u>Let the truth cut</u>. I have been shown that <u>why</u> ministers have not more success is, they are afraid of <u>hurting feelings</u>, fearful of <u>not being courteous</u>, and they <u>lower the standard of truth</u>, and conceal if possible the peculiarity of our faith.

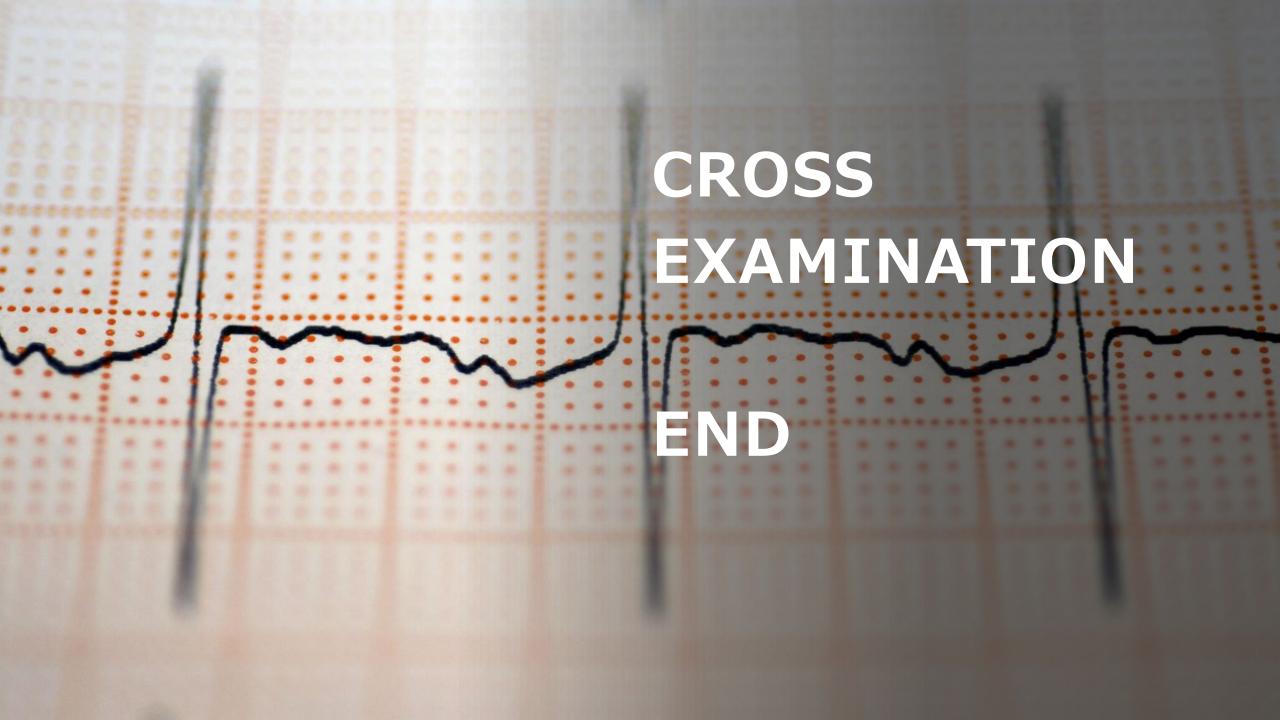
I saw that God could not make such successful. The truth must be made pointed, and the necessity of a decision urged. And as false shepherds are crying, Peace, and are preaching smooth things, the servants of God must cry aloud, and spare not, and leave the result with God. {2SG 284.2}

Jeremiah 23:1-4 — The Gathering among The Scattering

- Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.
- Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors (H7462) that feed (H7462) my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.
- 23:3 And I will **gather the remnant of my flock** out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.
- 23:4 And I will set up shepherds (H7462) over them which shall feed (7462) them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

Commenting on Jeremiah 23 - Quote

... Upon those who have taken upon them the work of shepherds of the flock, will be visited the heaviest judgments, because they have presented to the people fables instead of truth. Children will rise up and curse their parents. Church members, who have seen the light and been convicted, but who have trusted the salvation of their souls to the minister, will learn in the day of God that **no other soul can pay the ransom for their transgression**. A terrible cry will be raised, "I am lost, eternally lost." Men will feel as though they could rend in pieces the ministers who have preached falsehoods and condemned the truth. The pure truth for this time requires a reformation in the life, but they separate themselves from the love of the truth, and of them it can be said, "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself." The Lord sends a message to the people, "Set a trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant and trespassed against my law" (Letter 30, 1900). {4BC 1157.2}



What God Wants

God does not desire wooden men to guard the interests of his institutions and the church, but he wants living, working men,— men who have ability and quick perception, men who have eyes, and open them that they may see, and hearts that are susceptible to the influences of his Spirit. He holds men to a strict accountability in guarding the interests of his cause…

Ministers should be faithful watchmen, seeing the evil and warning the people.

Their dangers must be set before them continually, and pressed home upon them.

The exhortation given to Timothy was, "Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." [2 Timothy 4:2.] . . .

God wants men to cultivate <u>force of character.</u> Those who are merely time-servers are not the ones who will receive a rich reward by and by. <u>He wants those who labor in his cause to be men of keen feeling and quick perception.</u> {GW92 82.1}

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Function By Definition

Fathers (H1)

- Father of an individual
- Head or founder of a household family, group, clan, producer, generator.
- Of benevolence and protection
- Ruler or chief
- Of God as father of His people (*Type*)

Malachi 4

The Shattered Home to Be Unified

- 4:4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments.
- 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- 4:6 And he shall turn the heart <u>of the fathers to</u>

 the children, and the heart of the children to their

 fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Luke 1 – A Prophecy Fulfilled for Family Restoration

1:13 But the angel said unto him,
Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is
heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall
bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his
name John.

1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb

1:16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to <u>turn</u>

the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

The Head of the Family Firm.—

The husband and father is the head of the household. The wife looks to him for love and sympathy and for aid in the training of the children; and this is right. The children are his as well as hers, and he is equally interested in their welfare. The children look to the father for support and guidance; he needs to have a right conception of life and of the influences and associations that should surround his family; above all, he should be controlled by the love and fear of God and by the teaching of His word, that he may guide the feet of his children in the right way. . . . {AH 211.4}

The father should do his part toward making home happy. Whatever his cares and business perplexities, they should not be permitted to overshadow his family; he should enter his home with smiles and pleasant words. {AH 211.5}

The Lawmaker and Priest.—

All members of the family center in the father. He is the lawmaker, illustrating in his own manly bearing the sterner virtues: energy, integrity, honesty, patience, courage, diligence, and practical usefulness.

The father is in one sense the <u>priest of the household</u>, laying upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice. The wife and children should be encouraged to <u>unite in this offering</u> and also to engage in the song of praise. Morning and evening the father, as priest of the household, should confess to God the sins committed by himself and his children through the day.

Present But Absent A Quick word of Counsel

<u>life</u>. If, when little things occur that are not exactly as you think they should be, you fail to reveal patience, long forbearance, kindness, and love, you show that you have <u>not chosen as a companion Him who so loved you that He gave His life for you, that you might be one with Him.</u>

In the daily life you will meet with sudden surprises, disappointments, and temptations. What saith the word? "Resist the devil," by firm reliance upon God, "and he will flee from you. **Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."** {AH 214.1}

Function By Defination

Husband (G435)

- Male
- Betrothed
- To distinguish an adult man from a boy (<u>man</u>liness)



Get The Man Get HuMANity

After his transgression, <u>Adam at first imagined</u> himself entering upon a higher state of existence. But soon the thought of his sin filled him with terror. The air, which had hitherto been of a mild and uniform temperature, seemed to chill the guilty pair. The love and peace which had been theirs was gone, and in its place they felt a sense of sin, a dread of the future, a nakedness of soul.—PP 56, 57. {TA 58.1}

Satan exulted in his success. He had now tempted the woman to distrust God, to question His wisdom, and to seek to penetrate His all-wise plans. **And through her** he had also caused the **overthrow of Adam**, who, in consequence of his love for Eve, **disobeyed the command of God, and fell with her**.—1SP 42. {TA 58.2}

Satan, the fallen angel, had declared that no man could keep God's law, and he pointed to the **disobedience of Adam** as proving the declaration true.—ST April 10, 1893. {TA 58.3}

Satan . . . proudly boasted that the world which God had made was his dominion. <u>Having</u> conquered Adam, the monarch of the world, he had gained the race as his subjects, and he should now possess Eden, and make that his headquarters. And he would there establish his throne, and be monarch of the world.—RH Feb. 24, 1874. {TA 58.4}



MAN's role as Husband

The husband is the <u>house-band</u> of the home treasures, binding by his strong, earnest, devoted affection the members of the household, mother and children, together in the strongest bonds of union. His name, "house-band," <u>is the true definition of husband</u>. . . . I saw that but <u>few fathers realize their</u> <u>responsibility.</u> {AH 211.2}



For True Restoration Of

The Priest The Pastor The Husband The Father The Church Mankind



Joel 2 - The Call for Revival

- 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
- 2:16 <u>Gather the people</u>, <u>sanctify the congregation</u>, <u>assemble the elders</u>, <u>gather the children</u>, and <u>those that suck the breasts</u>: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
- 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God?

Ephesians 4 - MANdate Given

- 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 4:12 For the <u>perfecting of the saints</u>, for the <u>work of the ministry</u>, for the <u>edifying of the body of Christ</u>:
- 4:13 Till we all come in the <u>unity of the faith</u>, and of the <u>knowledge of the Son of God</u>, unto a perfect man, unto the <u>measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ</u>:
- 4:14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

The Two Adams

As the ransomed ones are welcomed to the City of God, there rings out upon the air an exultant cry of adoration. The two Adams are about to meet. The **Son of God** is standing with outstretched arms to receive the father of our race—the being whom He created, who sinned against his Maker, and for whose sin the marks of the crucifixion are borne upon the Saviour's form. As Adam discerns the prints of the cruel nails, he does not fall upon the bosom of his Lord, but in humiliation casts himself at His feet, crying: "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" Tenderly the Saviour lifts him up and bids him look once more upon the Eden home from which he has so long been exiled.

The Two Adams

After his expulsion from Eden, Adam's life on earth was filled with sorrow. Every dying leaf, every victim of sacrifice, every blight upon the fair face of nature, every stain upon man's purity, was a fresh reminder of his sin. Terrible was the agony of remorse as he beheld iniquity abounding, and, in answer to his warnings, met the reproaches cast upon himself as the cause of sin. With patient humility he bore, for nearly a thousand years, the penalty of transgression. Faithfully did he repent of his sin and trust in the merits of the promised Saviour, and he died in the hope of a resurrection. The Son of God redeemed man's failure and fall; and [648] now, through the work of the atonement, Adam is reinstated in his first dominion.

Where Is Adam?

By Faith Adam is no more in hiding, but is restored by and through the Precious Blood of our living Saviour Jesus Christ Son of the One True God.

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