

Blessed is the man that fear the LORD

Part 2

“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.” (Proverbs 29:25 KJV)

God is the Creator of heaven and earth. Man ought to fear God and revere Him, for even the breath of man is from God. Therefore, man need to be conscious that God can take his life at any moment God would decide. Those who fear man, they will be falling into many sins. They will be forced and manipulated to do evil because of their fear of man. Their fear of man is a snare to them, is a trap to them, and they will be falling into dangers and troubles.

Those who fear God, they will put their trust on Him and they will rely on Him and on His power as a source of power in their lives. Those who fear God they will rely on His Word and on His promises; they will take for granted what He had said in His Word. The Lord as we delight on Him, He will not leave us nor forsake us to the desire of our enemies, ***“5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” (Hebrews 13:5-6 KJV)***

Those who trust on God, they are not be watching to please people or to go along their wishes, but they watch carefully to fulfill the Scriptures and to put them into practice. Trying to make people happy will not make you happy or make your life easy. The more you are not careful to obey God and His Word in order to please people, the more you are moving away from God and the more you are in troubles.

“He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.” (Proverbs 16:20 KJV) When you desire to handle the matter wisely, the only way for you to do that is to go to the Word of God and apply what it says, then you will find what is good. And as you trust on God and rely on His Word in your daily struggles and in facing troubles, then the more you are happy.

In the Beginning, the fall of man took place because the man disobeyed the command of God and ate from the fruit of the forbidden tree. God had already instructed the man of that matter, ***“16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17 KJV)*** As a result of that, the man and his wife were driven out from the Garden of Eden. Now, some, may think what the man did is a simple sin, and why God for such a small thing he inflicted such punishment on man. Let us read Genesis chapter 3, and let us understand why the man disobeyed the command of God, so we can understand why he received the consequences of his disobedience.

“1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 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. 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. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 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? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14 And the LORD 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: 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. 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. 22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” (Genesis 2:1-24 KJV)

The devil had his first discussion with the woman, and was provoking her by this question to see what is really inside her, ***“And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1 KJV)*** The woman in her answer rejected what the devil say about God that he did not allow them to eat from any fruit in the garden. But the woman added to the truth, ***2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the***

fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” (Genesis 3:2-3 KJV) God did not say about the tree or its fruit not to be touch by man. The woman added to the truth because she was relying on her own understanding. There are people who have their own mind which is not based on the Scripture. Such kinds of people are liable to be deceived by Devil. Truly the devil deceived the woman when he told her, *“Ye shall not surely die.” (Genesis 3:4 KJV)* People will have their own understanding when they will be relying not of what is present in the Scriptures. May be the woman want to be smarter than God or smarter than His Word. Or she might want to be smarter than her husband who taught her the command of God. God gave His command to the man and man taught the command to his wife. She was moved by the devil who entice her further, that she might be becoming as God, *“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.” (Genesis 3:5 KJV)* The woman considered the input that devil gave her, and was enticed more when she looked to the good looking tree, and she thought further if she will disobey God, then she will become wise, *“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.” (Genesis 3:6 KJV)* The woman was fully aware of what her husband had instructed her, but she decided to disobey God, she ate, and she led her husband even to eat.

The discussion of the woman with the devil is a usual event before sinning. Once you know the command then no need to have foolish meditation and harmful discussion with devil, because this will lead you to sin. There are people come to argue about certain instruction from God’s Word and they wants to change them and do their own will. That what had really happened and cause the man to fall in Genesis 3.

“7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.” (Genesis 3:7 KJV) Once they sinned, they lost their protections and their coverings, and they became naked. Therefore they resorted to the fig tree leaves to make aprons for themselves.

God moved to confront them, to investigate what had happened and to deal with the situation and do what is needful. *“8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.” (Genesis 3:8 KJV)* Adam and his wife hid themselves. When people sins, they will try to hide their sins, so what they did wrong will not be exposed. God is still good when He catch us after we do wrong, because He still wants to restore us and bring us back to His plan and the abundant life that he has for us.

God will not give up on man, even after he sin: *“9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?” (Genesis 3:9 KJV)* God asked the man, *“Where art thou?”* in order not only to discipline but ultimately to restore him.

The man answered God, *“10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” (Genes 3:10 KJV)* The man confessed that he was hiding from God because he was ashamed to appear before God, being naked. After you sin, you will start to be afraid because you know that you had done wrong.

“11 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?” (Genesis 3:11 KJV) God asked the man, *“Who told thee that thou wast naked?”* It means the man was listening to other voices and he did not hearken to the voice of God and His instruction to him. The man either listened or obeyed the voice of the serpent or the voice of his wife, but he did not listen to the voice of God, and that is why he fell into sin. God confronted the man, *“Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”* The man should be accepting what he did and be accountable to his sin, and ask forgiveness from God, so he might have mercy on him. But man did not do that.

“12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” (Genesis 3:12 KJV) Man put the blame on the woman who gave him to eat, and he put the blame on God who gave him the woman. People who are not willing to repent, they will put the blame on other people and on God. God with such answer of Adam, he knew what He will do with the man.

Now the turn came to the woman, *“13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” (Genesis 3:13 KJV)* The question that God asked the woman, *“What is this that thou hast done?”* God is asking her if she is aware of her sin and what wrong she did. The woman was also without repentance and she put the blame on the serpent. So with this answer God knew what He will do to the woman. Many people are not aware of their sins and what they did wrong, and they do their best to put the blame on others.

The Lord questioned both Adam and his wife because they have still a chance to repent and to be restored back to the plan of God. But the Lord did not ask or questioned the serpent of what it did, because its eternal judgment is irreversible. God put the following curse on the serpent *“14 And the LORD 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.” (Genesis 3:14 KJV)*

“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.” (Genesis 3:15 KJV) God after he cursed the devil He put forward the plan of salvation for man’s kind, as He promised here that the seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent. Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman, crushed the head of the serpent when He died on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. With what God brought unto devil, the devil will have enmity against the offspring of the woman. The battle is going on. As disciples of Jesus we are

called to fight the good fight against Devil, the serpent, its demons and those who his instruments of wickedness.

“16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” (Genesis 3:16 KJV) As consequences of the sin of the woman, the Lord put this punishment on her in order, when she will give birth to children in pain and sorrow, is to bring her to repentance and to make her realize that she needs God in her life to overcome the hardship of life. The reason that God put discipline on man when man sin, is to make him realize that he need God and he need to go back to God to be able to bear the pain and the pressure of life. Animals pregnancy and birth is not painful as human, because God is calling man to call on God in times of his troubles. Now the other aspect of the discipline of God on the woman is the following: **“Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”** What he mean with that, is that whatever desire or wish for the woman, in order for her to be granted, she need to go back to her husband for approval. Why God had said that to the woman? The woman when she ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, her husband sure had instructed her not to do it. She did not obey her husband because she does not fear God. Her own understanding was her defensive mechanism not to obey the instruction of her husband. She not only did that, but she pressurized her husband to disobey God by give him to eat from the forbidden fruit. **“She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” (Genesis 3:6 KJV)** If we will read further what God spoke to the man it will confirm to us why he put the woman to be ruled by the man.

Notice also from what had happened, that sinners when they sin they want others to fall and to do the same sin so they will not be alone in doing that particular sin. They are thinking that being not the only one who sin that will justify them before God.

“17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.” (Genesis 3:17 KJV) God told the man that because he ate the fruit of the forbidden tree in obedience to the voice of his wife, **“Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife.”** Man did that because he was not afraid from God but he was afraid from his wife. Many are afraid from their wives and because of that they break the Word of God, and that is sin. Let us be admonished today about what Jesus said, **“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28 KJV)** That what man did is not love or respect. That is fear. Man should not break the Word of God in order to please his wife. It is sin and man will suffer in earning his food and his living because of this. Man should lead the family in accordance to God’s Word, and he should be firm with his family, that God’s Word would be implemented and not broken. If the wife speaks the Word of God, the man needs to consider and obey what his wife say. But when he discern that she is not speaking the Word of God or she speak the Word of God for a wrong motive then he should not take heed of what she says.

“18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” (Genesis 3:18-19 KJV) Those who break the Word of God, their lives will be thistles and thorns and the earning of their living would become hard strenuous unless they will repent.

Today, what is spreading is the transgender, where we found man become flaccid or inert and take the rule of the woman to be under the wife, and also we found woman who become bold to take the rule of man and ruling her husband. With the advance of medicine and surgery (fixing their external and internal sexual organs) it becomes possible for men to be women and women to be men and for transgender marriage to be possible. But this is opposite to what the Scripture says, and we need to be sure to oppose such wickedness. We need to accept and adopt that the fear of man should not drive us to break the Word of God. Man is called to stand against such perversion, and such opposition of the truth, and the key for that is to fear God and obey His Word, and not to fear man.

“20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.” (Genesis 2:20 KJV) The meaning of Eve is life or living. A beautiful name Adam gave to his wife. This way of love is acceptable. But it is not acceptable to break the Word of God because you fear man. Those who oppose the truth, we might speak to them gently and expressing to them the grace of God in our dealing, but we should fear God and be careful not to go along their pressure and obey to do the wrong they asked us to do.

“21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.” (Genesis 3:21 KJV) God expressed further his love and care for them when he killed animals and made coats of skins and clothed both of them.

“22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.” (Genesis 3:22 KJV) Man wanted to eat from the forbidden tree thinking true what devil said, that when they will eat of it they will become like God. Now they need to be sent out so they will not have an access to the tree of life that God had allowed them before to eat. The tree of life, the fruit of it is life. Life after sin will come only through repentance. That is why God drove them out from the Garden so they will not eat from the tree of life without repentance.

Therefore God needed to send man out to make him understand that he cannot have life except through repentance and have faith in the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, who will crush the head of the serpent and will give eternal life to all who repent and have faith in Him and in His Word.

“23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.” (Genesis 3:23 KJV) God implemented His discipline and

drove the man by force from the blessed state that he was in. The man needed to suffer for his sin, and toil for his living, so he will be led to true repentance.

My Dear and Beloved: *“24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” (Genesis 3:24 KJV)* God Himself guarded the entrance at the Garden of Eden, to make it clear to the man that he will not have life till he repent, and start to obey God and have fear on Him. When man sin, God will teach man how to fear Him and stop doing evil.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to live in the fears of you and to delight myself to obey all your commands. Lord I commit myself to obey your Word and to implement them into my life and in the life of the people who are under my care. Lord I commit myself not to fear man, trusting you that you will help me in my life and you will save me from whatever trouble that may come from man. Lord my hope and my life is in you, knowing that you have a good plan for me and you will be going to fulfill it. I thank you and I praise you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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