

## THE PRICE OF SIN

Greeting precious people, this week we are going to look at the subject “The price of sin”. Everything has a price attached to it no matter what advertisers; businesses; promotions; etc may tell us. A “new look”, new wardrobe, new job, new start ‘et al’ come with a price, even salvation from sin.

Sin has a huge price with sever consequences attached to it. Just as advertisers would have us believe that their product comes with little to no cost so does the author of sin, Satan. We see his tactic of minimizing the cost that Adam and Eve (all of man kind through the ages) would have to pay for their sin (rebellion against God) by offering something that sounded too good to be true. If something sounds too good to be true, 99% of the time it is.

Let’s read the account given us in the Word of God the Bible. In Genesis 3:1-6 we read, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

Now let us look at the main points of the text. The first thing that stands out is the first words that came out of Satan’s mouth were an attempt to bring the Word of God into question: “Has God said?” The implication is obvious; one cannot believe what God has said. If God’s Word can be brought into question then His character and every other aspect of God is in doubt, for a person is only as good as his or her word.

Next Satan minimized the price of disbelieving and disobeying God with “all” Eve would gain by believing his lie instead of God’s truth. Satan promised Eve that the moment she disobey God (1) she would not die; (2) her eyes would be opened (intimating that she really wasn’t able to see clearly until she believe him); (3) she would become like God.

This was the proverbial bait hiding the hook. Satan made Eve great promises. Dear ones you must understand, Satan always promises great things but can NEVER deliver. This is the draw of sin. Sin always sounds so good and as the Bible says, sin is pleasurable for a “season” but the end of it is death. Sin always promises lasting pleasure, enjoyment, enhancement, every good thing imaginable but it always comes up short.

Think of the beer commercials that portray a group of people sitting around drinking beer having a “good time” as they tell us “life doesn’t get any better than this!” These same companies fail to inform us of the devastating results of alcohol use and abuse. Over 100,000 deaths and injuries each year due to auto and boating accidents by those using alcohol; thousands of deaths each year due to alcoholism; millions of dollars lost each year in medical expenses due to alcohol abuse; families break ups; the list could go on and on. (And it does!)

The Bible tells us that the wages (price) of sin is death for man, all of mankind. We are born with the sinful nature and destined for death both physical and spiritual. We all know what physical death is, spiritual death is separation from God for all eternity (Hell).

Sin also has a price for God. Sin, our sin is what caused Jesus Christ to suffer the most unimaginable death upon the Cross of Calvary. There He received upon Himself the wrath and judgment of God for our sin. He experience Hell for us.

How great is the love of God! That God would suffer so for the likes of me and you. Oh how He loves you dear ones.

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