

A Problem solved

Something happened back a long time ago to the 'First Man'. To Adam. He disobeyed

God and instead did the will of Lucifer. In that moment, just as God said, he died.

A change took place in Adam.

It was a 'nature' change. Adam became corrupted to his very core. His nature changed

to a sinful nature and in a very real sense took on the nature of Lucifer. A sinful and rebellious nature.

Adam represented 'mankind'. Adam represented a 'corporate mankind'. Every human

being born from that time forward existed within Adam's loins.

Every human born from

that time forward inherited that same sinful nature. Adams sons—each and everyone,

right up until this time. Except for One.

We will get back to that in a minute.

Adam's sons had a problem. There was nothing they could do that was 'righteous' in the eyes of God.

The kind 'righteousness' that God requires became impossible for Adam and his sons

because everything that issues from Adam is tainted by that fallen sinful nature.

Men could do good things and even behave in a way that pleased God within the

context of his fallen nature, but man's (Adam's) best and most sincere efforts couldn't

ever rise to the level of the 'righteous requirement of God'.

Impossible, because Adam's

nature was changed to that of his newly adopted father—Lucifer.

Adam's race—mankind—every single one born after his kind—has a problem. A very big problem. An 'impossible' problem. You see, God created a law when He made creatures. That law says that everything reproduces according to its 'kind'. Adam reproduced and every single one born was after his kind. Sinful. Sinful by nature.

A fish swims, a bear climbs a tree, a bird flies—mankind sins. But more than that. 'Man' is sin. He has a sinful nature.

This is a very big problem. Corporate mankind got himself in a big fix with the help of that character called Lucifer.

Alright, we have defined a very very big problem. Adam (and that means you and me) can't do anything about this. It's our nature. We are born this way. Now, God loves His creation and He had a Plan. This whole man messed up big time thing needs a solution.

Let's skip ahead some and condense this. God started by setting aside a people for Himself and through that people began to teach some things about His solution. It would involve a thing called 'faith' and He would prove to Adam (man) that he needed another thing called 'grace'.

He used a wonderful tool to accomplish some of this. The Law. Before the Law came, a fellow that God set aside for himself 'believed' God and that 'faith' resulted in a kind of 'righteousness'. That 'righteousness' resulted in a Gift from God that came in the form of a man. That man's name was Isaac. Isaac was a 'type' or

'illustration' of another man that God had in mind. Can you guess who that is to be?

Let's move along.

A couple of things were firmly established at that time. 'Faith' was a requirement in

order for a 'Gift' to be realized in real time experience. Isaac was born. The 'son' of the

promise. The promise and Isaac was a 'covenant' between God and Abraham. God told

Abraham that 'in him' all the nations would be blessed and that his seed was to be very

numerous. Sands of the sea numerous.

Gen. 18:18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the

nations of the earth **shall be blessed** in him?

Did you notice that bit at the end of that sentence? "In Him"

This is a very important bit. Remember back at the beginning of our story. Adam.

Remember that every man born since that time was 'in Adam' and came out of him after

his kind and with his same nature?

This is important.

So now, Abraham got a promise. That all nations "shall be blessed in him".

Ok—put that away for a while, but don't forget it—because it is really important.

We will skip ahead a while but there are some things that God wants to teach and it will

involve some 'believing' and some 'obedience' and a 'curse'. This lesson coming up is

both monumentally awesome and at the same time wonderfully simple. So simple in

fact, that it confounds the reason and not insignificant intelligence of mankind. That is

Adams' race, by the way. Mankind—-pretty smart creatures.

Can you guess what this lesson is?

Wait a moment and get yourself seated because this is gonna knock you over!

Abraham's people found themselves in a bad fix down in a kingdom called Egypt. I told you we were gonna skip ahead a bit.

Abraham's 70 grew to a big number over a period of about 400 years and a nasty ruler

had enslaved them. They were in a bad way, but God had made a promise to Abraham regarding a patch of land.

He sent a fellow named Moses as His tool to convince that nasty ruler in Egypt to let

'His people' go. To set them 'free'. That 'free' thing is important and we will revisit that again later.

One of the things God planned to use to 'convince' the ruler it would be a good idea to

let them go, was to kill all the first born in his kingdom.

But, it would only be Egyptian first borns—not those of Abraham and Isaac. So God

came up with a way to 'save' the first born of Abraham. A mighty angel was gonna show

up to kill those first born and something was needed to prevent him from getting

Abraham's kids. Now can you guess what that was?

(Please realize that these events took place before the 'Law' was given.)

Yup—you guessed it. Blood! The 'blood' of a lamb! The children of Abraham were

instructed to put 'blood' on the doorway of their houses so that when the angel came

around that night, he would 'passover' those homes. They were

‘saved’ in that way—by the blood of a lamb—from the curse and judgement that God had intended for the ruler’s first born. Blood on a doorpost and lintel would ‘save’ them from judgement. Who would have thunk it! Blood splashed on a doorway with a branch? I told you this lesson would blow you away! Something really cool happened that night. Blood, obedience and belief (faith) were combined.

This was a very very important night and became a ‘witness’ to things both seen and unseen. Some angels were watching this and getting more and more curious as to what their God was up to.

Remember that.

Ok—we have to skip ahead a little bit. There is another really important lesson that God wants to teach.

Yup—the bad nasty ruler down there in Egypt let Abraham’s folks go and they wandered around in the wilderness for a bunch of years. During that time God gave them this thing called ‘Law’. They were to all—every one of them obey this ‘Law’. And along with some ordinances and commandments God made sure that the lesson of the ‘blood’ would be reenforced.

There was lots of blood involved in the commandments and ordinances that God established.

And there were promises, too.

The thing is, the son’s of Abraham, Isaac and Israel had a real hard time keeping that

Law and the lesson lasted for centuries, but God wanted this lesson to be learned very well. This lesson needed to be learned to the core of a Nation's consciousness and the individuals within it.

Why do you suppose that the sons of 'Israel' had a hard time 'keeping' the 'Law'?

I think you may have guessed, but just in case I will tell you why. Because the sons of Israel were also the sons of Adam. And Adam's sons were his adopted father—Lucifer.

Through that law of 'kind' Israel inherited a sinful 'nature'.

Some very difficult centuries followed that taught the folks that although the Law taught them a great deal about God—something was

missing. There was a 'problem'—they failed both as individuals and as a nation to

please God. To please the God that had 'saved' them from His 'judgement' back so long

ago in Egypt. It was a very hard lesson to learn and a lot of bad things happened.

Somewhere along the way, God had spoken to His people and made some promises

that some things were going to happen one day. He got more specific about a promise

made a very long time ago to first Adam and then later to Abraham.

A seed and a son was going to put a hurt on that bad old enemy called Lucifer that was

instrumental in forming this 'Problem'. This problem that needed to be solved.

A problem that was becoming more and more clear. That no matter how hard men tried,

they could not please God. They could not reach the level of righteousness that God

required. There were times that they tried real hard, but inevitably

they failed. Every...
single... time.

Yup—because it was their very nature to sin. Adam quite perfectly
and completely ‘was’

Adam.

But Adam had learned a few important lessons.

Law was hard to keep and obedience was necessary, blood was
required and faith was
needed.

And very importantly—Adam learned that he had a ‘problem’.

Adam learned that he was

by nature through and through ‘sinful.

Adam looked back collectively and corporately to a night long ago
called ‘Passover’ and

somehow sensed with the help of God through Moses, the
prophets and the Psalmist
that they needed help.

They grew up hearing about the seed of Abraham and the
promise of a Savior. They

weren’t entirely sure just what they needed to be saved from—
most thought it involved

only a nation and a throne on earth. David’s throne and
deliverance from an oppressive

worldly ruler—kinda like that nasty ruler down in Egypt so long
ago. We are skipping

around because there are an almost unnumbered series of things
that pointed us to the
next moments.

God had a ‘final’ solution. He had this in mind from the very
beginning and everything

that happened between that fateful day when Adam fell and now--
pointed to it. God’s

‘final’ and ‘perfect’ solution.

Adam needed a change of nature. God had made a promise that

a 'seed' would come to the rescue. He made a promise to Lucifer/Adam and a promise to Abraham. Two seeds were mentioned here. The enemy's seed who is fallen Adam and the 'woman's seed'.

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and [her Seed](#);
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

A Son was promised. A Savior. A 'Solution' to a very big 'problem'. A Son was born but not through the 'seed' of the enemy Lucifer and Adam, but the woman!

Think about that for a minute and marvel at the Plan of God. God told Lucifer a couple of very specific points and those things were about to happen. A child was born and His name is Jesus. Emmanuel—God is with us. Born through a woman's womb but by His Father in Heaven—Almighty God the creator of all things.

Not a bit of Adam's fallen nature was 'in him'. Jesus had His Father's Nature! And yet born through a woman! Her seed! This is Jesus Christ the Son of God. Lucifer would bruise this seed's heel, but this seed would bruise Lucifer's head! There is much to learn there, but so this little essay isn't too long, we will move ahead again.

Jesus lived a perfect and holy Life and was perfectly obedient to His Father. He was the 'lamb of God'. The Son promised to Abraham. Long ago, God put it into Abraham's heart and mind to know this.

Gen. 22:8 And Abraham said, “My **son**, God will **provide** for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

He was born to solve ‘the Problem’ and so much more. He was ‘sacrificed’. Indeed the Father sacrificed His own Son and the Son willingly gave His own Life in order to ‘save’ us from the judgement. His blood was shed to be efficacious just as the blood was on the doorposts when the angel came to kill that night long ago. When the angel saw the ‘blood’ he ‘passed over’ that abode. But there is much more. Christ the Son, became a substitution for Adam that deserves to die. He died so that Adam doesn’t have to. But there is more. There is that ‘big problem’. Adam’s fallen nature. God solved that problem ‘In Christ’. Through the ‘seed of the woman, Christ became the last Adam. He represented on the cross, the corporate old Adam. Adam’s race. On the cross, when He died, all we who were chosen of the Father to be born again—died. We died ‘In Christ’ and when Christ rose back from the dead, we rose ‘In Him’ and from that moment on—in newness of life. A Nature change. We were ‘In Him’ set free from the bondage of ‘sin’ that was made so apparent by the Law. On that day of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ and the 40 days following—God

solved the big problem. We were provided the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Christ and set free from the 'old nature' of the first Adam. Set 'free' from the bondage of a very nasty ruler! When God sees the blood of Christ, He can't see the sins! And because of the 'Nature' change that God orchestrated for us, we get to walk according to the dictates of His Nature as sons of God—members of the second race of men. Problem solved! Completely and irrevocably solved! The sacrifice of God's only begotten Son purchased for us 'salvation'. The 'salvation' typified back in Egypt. He redeemed us. He purchased us back from the enemy who owned us by the rights of the principle and law of 'kind'. Praise God for His unsearchable riches in Christ! This perfect Gift. A free gift. Remember the lessons learned a long time ago? It all came together. A curse, a seed, blood, faith, obedience and most importantly Grace. By the way—where does the obedience come in? To believe on Him. To believe that the Christ is the Son of God and that He came to save us. And folks—get this down. Even that faith to believe is a gift. Grace. Remember, we were sons of our first father and there was nothing good in us, so it had to be Grace and Grace alone. We were completely and absolutely, because of 'kind', incapable of pulling this off ourselves! Salvation through the Grace of God by faith. The curse is lifted,

the blood atones and a
New Nature is given.

God because of the work of Christ, took us out of the first Adam
and placed us into the

Second Adam. The Second Man—the New Man.

Grace through the gift of faith is how the Father did this. Grace
because we only

deserved death, just like our first father. Instead He gave us
eternal Life and that Life is

Christ.

We that are ‘born from above’... we who died and were ‘born
again’ of an incorruptible
‘seed’.

By faith and Grace alone. We had zero hope of getting this done
on our own. The

Creator of the universe stepped in and solved a ‘Problem’—and
much much more.

Rejoice.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes
in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

“A Problem Solved”.