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TOPIC: “Look Back and Learn- Our Story”

Good evening!!! Again, we welcome you to our Thursday evening Bible study. We’re glad to have you with us on this evening. Let us pray, and then we will get right into our lesson.

We’re beginning a brand-new topic on this evening entitled: **“Look Back and Learn- Our Story”**.

And we will start this lesson off by asking you a question:

___ Yes ___ No If you *look back* at history, is there anything that you can *learn*?

You can learn a whole lot, especially depending on *how far you decide to look back*. Mount Pisgah, and everyone else who might be listening, on this evening, together, let’s **“look back at our story and learn”**.

Since we’re looking back at “our” story, let’s go all the way back, to the “beginning”.

FACT: Adam is the father of the entire human race. *Every* man and *every* woman descended from Adam and Eve.

PROBLEM: Because this is true, *every* man or woman, *every* person, is also **born a sinner**.

1). **Psalm 51:5-** Behold, I was **shapen in iniquity**; and in **sin** did my mother **conceive** me.

This simply means that every baby who comes into this world, is born as a *sinner*, and NOT born *righteous*. Every “good” man you know, was born “bad”. One might say, “It seems unfair for a baby to be considered a “sinner”. After all, what have they done? They didn’t ask to come into the world. A baby is *cute* and *cuddly*; not *sinful* and *sharpened* (in iniquity).

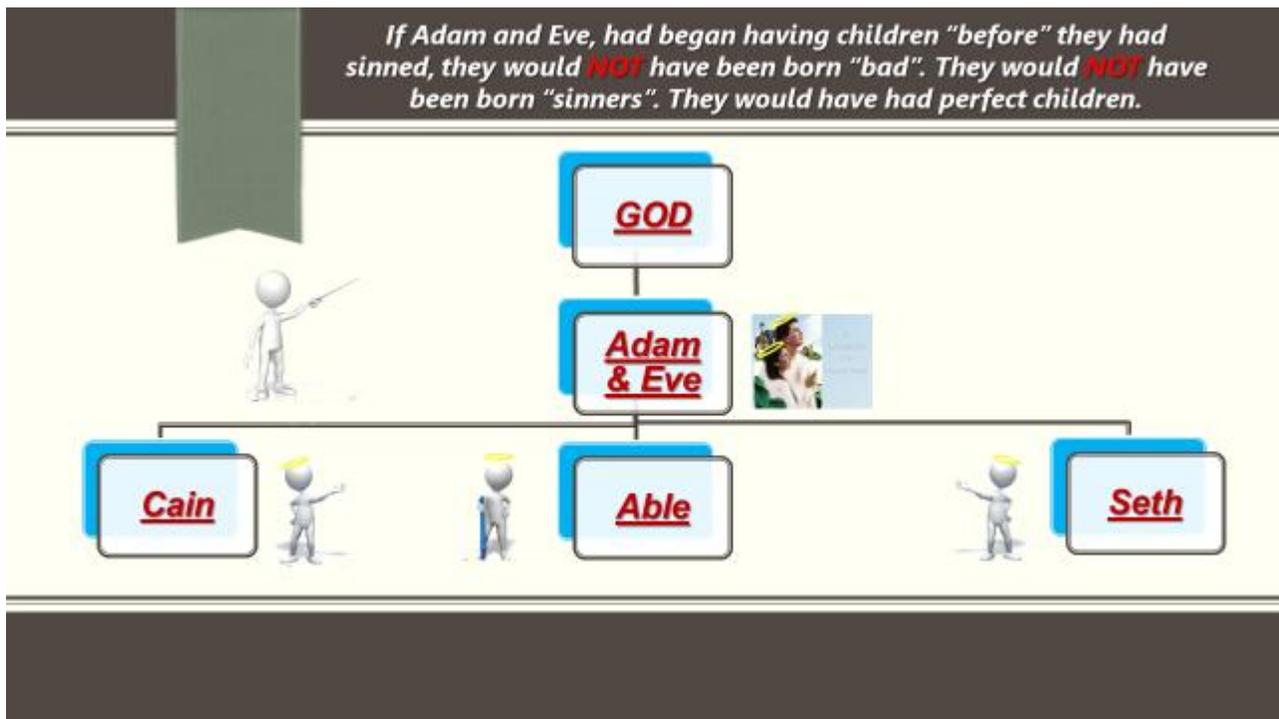
Thursday Evening Bible Study – “Look Back and Learn- Our Story”

WELL, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

- Adam was created/made in the likeness and image of **God**.

1). **Genesis 1:26a -27- 26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **27** So **God** created man **in his own image, in the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them

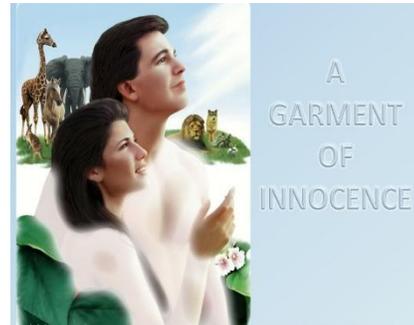
If Adam and Eve, had began having children "before" they had sinned, they would not have been born "*bad*". They would not have been born "*sinners*". They would have had perfect children.



Now, this does not mean that they would have "*stayed*" that way. Because they too, would have been given freedom of choice. But it does mean that they would have been "*born*" that way.

CHILDREN MADE/BORN IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD

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- Adam had a son after **his** image; after **his** likeness.

1). **Genesis 5:1-3**- This is the book of the generations of **Adam**. In the day that God *created* man, in the likeness of God made he him; ² Male and female *created* he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were *created*. ³ And **Adam** lived an hundred and thirty years, and **begat** a son **in his own likeness**, and after **his image**; and called his name **Seth**:

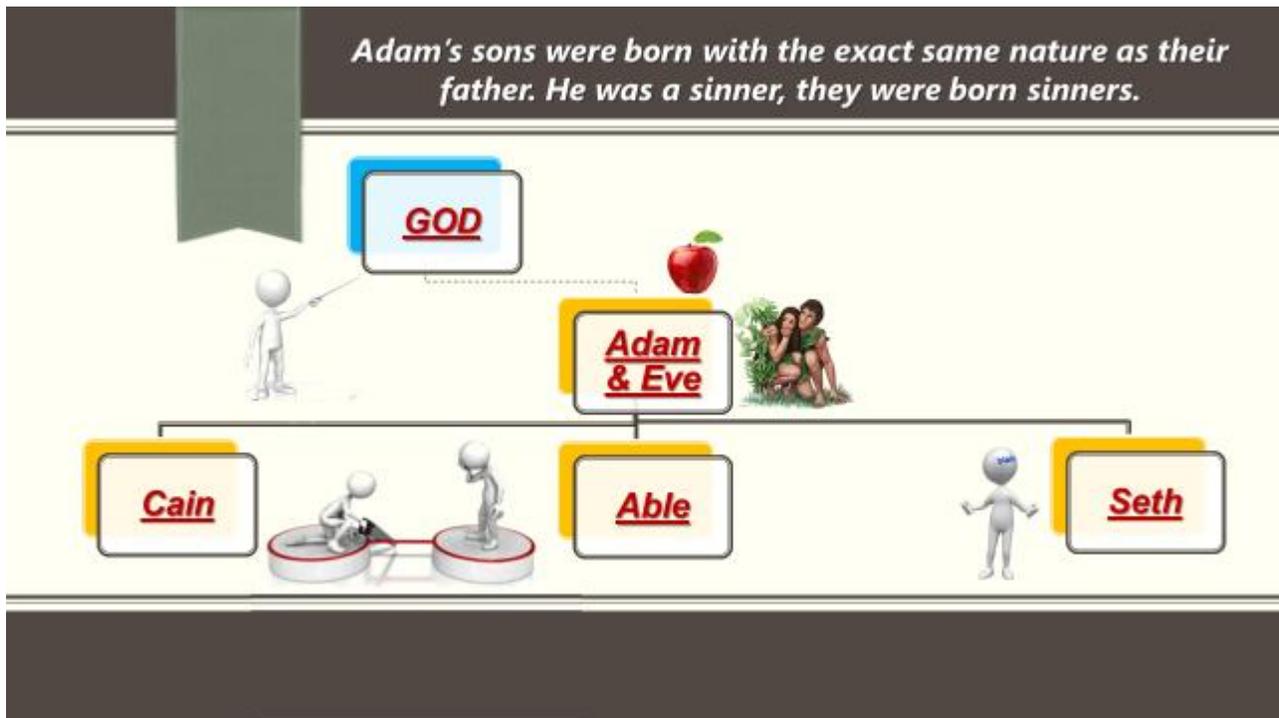
Adam's children were born in the image of their father. Since he is the father of every human being, meaning that he is our father too, **we** were **all** born **sinners**.

Adam had "already" sinned when he and Eve began having children. And those children, were born, in the image and likeness of their father.

CHILDREN MADE/BORN IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF ADAM

2). **Genesis 4:8; 25-26a- (vs. 8)**-And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain **rose up** against Abel his brother, and **slew** him.

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name **Seth**: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain **slew**. ²⁶ And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name **Enos**:...



Adam's sons were born with the **exact** same nature as their father. He was a **sinner**; they were born **sinners**.

1). **Job 14:1; 4-** Man that is **born of a woman** is of few days and full of trouble.

⁴Who can bring a **clean** thing out of an **unclean?** *not one*

2). **Ephesians 2:3-** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by **nature** the **children of wrath**, even as others

As we "**look back and learn**". This is "**our story**".

Now, before we can “fully” understand *our* story, how that we were “born” sinners, there are **two** other things that you must know about **first**. If you don’t understand these two things, none of this will make sense.

A. **The Law that God Had Established.**

B. **The Likeness and Image of a Sin Nature.**

The Laws that God Had Established

God had established several types of laws:

1). God’s natural/physical laws. These are simply laws of (that govern) nature.

a). The law of gravity- Any object that goes up, must come down

b). The law of motion- An object that is at rest, will stay at rest, until an outside object of force, comes along and pushes it into motion.

c). The law of reproduction- Every species reproduces after its own kind. A “righteous” man, would reproduce a “righteous” child.

2). God’s moral laws. Moral laws mean that there is a certain way that the **Creator**, God, expects for the **creature**, man, to behave. The **Creator**, gave the **created**, a list of rules, do’s and don’ts for him to obey.

a). Blessing laws- You do **not** have to obey **any** of these laws. It is your *choice*. But, if you should *choose* to obey them, you will experience *blessings*. If you should *choose* not to obey them just the *opposite* will happen.

Now, *either one*, or both of these groups of laws of God, can be *violated*.

a). Gravity- A person may violate the law of gravity, and jump off of a 25-story building, *expecting* to survive/live.

b). Motion- A person standing near the edge of a mountainside can be *pushed* over the edge.

******* FIVE STAR SENTENCE- IF ONE SHOULD VIOLATE EITHER ONE OF THESE TWO LAW CATEGORIES, A "CONSEQUENCE" WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT.**

- **The Five Levels of God's Moral Law System**

1). There is a Law-giver. If you have a "*law*". This implies that there is a "*Law-giver*". Someone had to establish that law. This is the **Creator**. He is free to do what He wants or wills.

Some have ill advisably made angry accusations against the Creator: "Why did you take my mother"? The Creator is *free* to do as He wills. And He's not *obligated* to answer to anyone. The **creature** does not need to question the **Creator's** wisdom.

2). Secondly, you must have a person, who is "free" to obey or disobey the law. They are given free-choice. This is the **creature**.

3). Thirdly, the *Law-giver* has the *power* to enforce the law. The "person" does not have more power than the "Law-giver".

4). Fourthly, the person with the free-choice, the choice to choose to obey or disobey, has an **obligation** to obey the law. Obedience is expected, although it may not be chosen.

There is an "expectation" on God's end. There is an "obligation" on man's end.

5). Finally, there will be "consequences" (blessings or punishment) from the Law-giver, upon the one who obeys or disobeys the law.

