

LESSON 3 Jesus Is About Restoration

REVIEW

Lesson 1 was about God's purpose for creation and man as his image or representation

Lesson 2 was about The Kingdom Is His plan

Defined kingdom as authority, rule, reign, dominion – not associated with a place

God seeking to restore kingdom or authority

This lesson we want to see how Jesus came with the purpose of restoration

MAN'S FALL

In first 2 lessons seen how God created Adam as his representative and the principles of Kingdom or authority, were first established when God gave Adam dominion and told him to subdue and have dominion over creation.

[Gen 3:1-13 KJV] 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.

Serpent twisted word of God

Eve did not understand word of God

Allowed temptation to lead

Man chose to be disobedient

God – Adam where are you? Separated from God

Apron of leaves – man attempts to cover, make own way, make his own righteousness

Lack of understanding God's work still today

Adam's sin cost him and all of mankind

Gen 3:23 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.

Sin separated from God – no longer the replica (image) or able to act like God (likeness)

Sin

We covered in first lesson - Sin is to miss the mark – ie as an archer misses the target

- *Rom 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
 - For all have missed the mark and come short of the form or appearance that attracts attention and brings recognition of God
- *Romans 5:14 - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the **figure of him that was to come**.*
 - The consequences of Adam's sin has been transferred to mankind
 - Even over them that had not sinned like Adam
 - Think like DNA – inherit characteristics of your natural parent
 - Inherent the fallen nature of man
- Why all mankind needed restoration
- Most perfect person on earth, still unable to be God's image and representation with the restoring work of Jesus

Adam was the representation of Jesus

- *Figure*: = a figure formed by a blow or impression
 - Sounds a lot like image from our first lesson
 - Death reigned over all, even those who did not sin like Adam

Speaks that Adam was the figure of the one to come

Other translations:

- *Who was a pattern of the one to come.* - NIV
- *Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ* - NLT
- *Adam is an image of the one who would come* - Gods Word

Jesus Role

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Lk 19:10

- Save - sozo= also be whole, heal, preserve – Strongs
- to make well, heal, restore to health – Thayer's
- speaks more of a restoration than just a deliverance
- That which was lost – one word –
- NT:622 to destroy (utterly – vines) i. e. to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to, ruin: Thayer's
- So the son of man is come to seek and heal, make whole restore that which was destroyed or abolished.

Begs the question: What was destroyed?

Answer: God's Image and glory on the earth

Jesus purpose was to come and heal or restore what had been destroyed!

Paul makes the direct connection between Adam and Jesus restorative role

1Co 15:45-49 NKJV And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man [was] of the earth, [made] of dust; the second Man [is] the Lord from heaven. 48 As [was] the [man] of dust, so also [are] those [who are made] of dust; and as [is] the heavenly [Man], so also [are] those [who are] heavenly.

Revisit Psalms 8

In first lesson we read Ps 8 about God's creation of man

- *Psa 8: 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet:*

Hebrews addresses this again from restoration context

- *Heb 2:5-11 Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6 It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.*

Mankind's purpose is restated

- Man made a little lower than angels go back original elohim
- Crowned with glory - appearance to bring recognition
- Everything placed in subjection
- Nothing left out of his control

Yet writer states at the present we do not see everything in subjection - speaks of the fallen nature of man

Continues on Vs 9 - Gives the answer

"But Jesus"

- *9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*
- *10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,*

We see the man Jesus as the last Adam, placed in the same position as the original Adam (remember Rom 5:14 – the first Adam "**the figure of him that was to come**")

- Made a little lower than elohim
- Crowned with glory
- Accomplished because of his suffering - crucifixion

- Taste death for us all
- he was to bring many sons to glory
- or that appearance that brings recognition

Jesus came as the Last Adam to restore what the first Adam lost!
The image and likeness of God and restoration to authority!

Break This Down A Little More

Image how could Jesus accomplish this?

Jesus was the image of God

- *2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*
 - eikón, i-kone'; from [G1503](#); a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance:—image.

- *Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

- *2Co 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. NKJV*

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- *Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*
 - The express image = *charaktēr*
 1. the instrument used for engraving or carving
 2. the mark stamped upon that instrument or wrought out on it
 1. a mark or figure burned in (Lev. 13:28) or stamped on, an impression
 2. the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect, i.e facsimile

• Character:

Middle English: from Old French *caractere*, via Latin from Greek *kharaktēr* 'a stamping tool.' From the early sense 'distinctive mark' arose 'token, feature, or trait' (early 16th century), and from this 'a description, especially of a person's qualities,' giving rise to 'distinguishing qualities.'

- World is blinded to the GLORIOUS (Form, appearance attracting attention to bring recognition)
- Good news (gospel) of Christ
- Who is the image – of invisible God

**Jesus Christ, as the last Adam, came as the visible image
of an invisible God to restore what the first Adam lost**

Representation

Jesus was not only the image of god, like Adam, the man Jesus was the representation of God

- *Jn 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world:..*

- Manifested is a verb that means; "to make visible, clear, manifest,"
- A verb is an action word.
 - it is making visible or known "what has been hidden or unknown, whether by words, or deeds"

The man Jesus came making an invisible God more than visible; he came **to make him knowable by demonstration.**

- Jesus came to fulfill what Adam was created to be
- Image of God on the earth
- Jesus death, burial & resurrection regained the authority lost by Adam

Restoration of Image In Us

Not only did Jesus come to save us

He came to restore us back to the place of image bearers of god.

- *And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly 1 Cor 15:49*
 - *Bear = to bear constantly, wear, of clothing, garments, armour*
- *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Col 3:10*
- *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son... Rom 8:29*
 - *Conformed = having the same form as another, similar, conformed to*
- *And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Rom 8:30*
 - *Those he predestinated he glorified*
- *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness KJV Eph 4:24*
 - *and to clothe yourselves with the new nature, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness. ISV*
 - *created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness ESV*
 - We are to put on a new man – what type of new man?
 - KJV says after God
 - Next lesson, we will talk about how this clothing or putting on happens.

Summary

Just as the scripture shows us that the first and last Adams were each to be a representational image of an invisible God, so **we who are born again are to be representational.**

- We are bearing the image of the heavenly
- We are renewed after the image of the one that created us

- We are conformed to the image of Jesus

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord--who is the Spirit--makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image 2 Cor 3:18 NLT

Next Lesson will look at how we apply Jesus' restorative work to our lives