

"SEVEN MISSING WORDS FROM ADAM'S VOCABULARY"

Genesis 2:19-20a

INTRODUCTION: Scientist tell us that today there are over **3500** different mammals, **8600** species of birds, and **5500** species of reptiles and amphibians for a total of 17,600 different species (*plus the possibility of 1000's of extinct ones*). (If Adam named **500 per DAY** (for 8 hrs. a day) it would require 35 days).

This tells us one thing: *Adam's task was no small one!* **How did he do it?**

A. There are 3 schools of thought as to how he was able to accomplish such a task:

1. **J.F.B.** = "His powers of perception and intelligence were super-naturally enlarged to know the habits, characters, and uses of each specie that was brought to him."

2. **Matthew Henry** = "This scripture gives proof that Adam was endued with knowledge and the faculties both of reason and speech."

3. "Man was created in knowledge after the Divine image and thus was endowed with powers of perception and discrimination, by which he could know the habits, characters, and uses of the species."

B. All will agree that Adam's abilities to name "*every living creature*" indicates:

1. **That Adam must have had a tremendous vocabulary.** **YET,**

2. In spite of this there were *seven simple words*, unknown and not under-stood, by Adam prior to his fall in the Garden of Eden. **How do we know?**

a. **Simply** because they are words most of us know the meaning of; (no thanks to Adam).

b. Thus the title of this message "**SEVEN MISSING WORDS FROM ADAM'S VOCABULARY**". **These words were:**

I. DEATH - Gen 2:17 "*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.*"

A. **Reference is to Spiritual Death.**

1. To "*die*" *spiritually* means to be separated from God and His presence.

2. Physical death separates from loved ones. **Physical death also** is the separation of body and soul.

B. Adam did not know (understand) meaning of spiritual or physical death, and *Satan knew it and proceeded to take advantage of*¹*Eve and*²*Adam.*

1. Satan capitalizes on us not knowing the Word of God and what it means. ***This is why we need Holy Ghost Baptism to teach us.***

2. Adam **most certainly** would have been foolish to have understood the meaning of death with its consequences, and then disobeyed God -- **especially**, knowing it would result in death, **as we know it.**

3. **How well do you understand the price of disobedience and sin??**

C. God wanted man to know what the good is, and wonder about evil.

1. **BUT**, instead man has discovered what evil is and dreams of what the good without evil would be like.

D. Instead of looking down and recognizing the evil from the summit of the good, man must now look up from the abyss (pit) of evil, and desire good; seeking it in prayer and fasting, and the power of God.

1. It has been said, "*experience is the best teacher*", BUT, too often experience is not the best teacher -- sometimes the tuition is too high!

II. NAKEDNESS - Gen 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 them-selves aprons.*"

A. In desperation they tried to cover their revealed unrighteousness, because of disobedience. They felt ashamed before God. **It seems Man is just the opposite today.**

1. Men today try to cover their sin and unrighteousness with education, church membership, baptism, tithing, confirmation, good works, and even **denial**. **Others try to cover the guilt of their sin with abortion, drugs, and alcohol.**

2. Adam and Eve, unable to feel safe in their efforts to hide their shame due to sin, **tried to hide themselves from God.**

a. The tragic results of sin **not only separates from God, it makes man desire to hide from God, or avoid Him, even stay away from church.**

III. CURSED (#3) AND SORROW (#4) - Gen 3:17 "*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;*"

A. God is saying to them, "**EXPECT NOTHING GOOD.**" Adam and Eve were to learn that "*the way of the transgressor is hard.*"

1. Today, unsaved man can expect nothing **good and lasting**, in this life apart from Christ. **THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR IS STILL HARD!**

Job 14:1 "*Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.*"

a. **BUT** "*Man that is born again of God is eternal and knows joy that is unspeakable and full of glory.*"

2. Sin always causes suffering, sickness, separations and sorrow, and never results in anything good.

3. Sin will take you farther that you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay.

IV. THORNS (#5) - Gen 3:18 "**Thorns** also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;"

A. Adam's paradise became a wilderness and man's world will continue to be so until the millennium.

V. SWEAT - (#6) - (The result of toil) - Gen 3:19 "In the **sweat** of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground;..."

A. Sin turned a fruitful land into one of **barrenness and toil**. **Sin turns fruitful lives into barren wasted lives -- full of thorns and thistles.**

1. Since Adam's fall man has sorrowed BUT he has not starved if he was willing to sweat and earn his bread.

VI. SWORD - Gen 3:24 "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming **sword** (weapon of destruction) which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

A. God revealed the Cherubims and flaming sword to Adam, not to drive him to despair, BUT to cause him to look for life and happiness in the Promised Seed that was to come and bruise Satan's head.

Gen 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee (serpent) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head,**..."

CONCLUSION: It is important to notice **GOD'S CHOICE FOR MAN.**

A. He could have ***justifiably*** chased him out of the world, but He only drove him out of the garden.

1. He could have ***justifiably*** cast him down to hell, as He did the angels that sinned -- but he was sent to a place of toil instead of a place of torment.

2. God could have cut man off, but in love and patience He has dealt with him repeatedly.

3. Adam was **sent to the ground to toil** and **not to the grave.**

4. Adam and Eve were excluded from the privileges of Eden, but were **not abandoned to despair.**

B. After the Fall Adam soon added these bitter words to his vocabulary, ***and man has been haunted by them ever since*** -- BUT,...

1. Then came Christ Jesus, "***the second man Adam***" and successfully met and

dealt with each word for man.

#1 **DEATH**: **John 11:25-26** "Jesus said unto her (Martha), I am the resur-rection, and the life: **he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.**"

#2 **NAKEDNESS**: **Isa 61:10** "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;" **Why Isaiah?** "for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,..."

We don't have to be ashamed anymore. We don't need to hide or run from God!!

#3 **CURSED**: **Gal 3:13** "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

#4 **SORROW**: **Isa. 53:4** "Surely he hath **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

We're on our way to a land where sorrow, heartache, grief, pain, etc. can never come!! No more death or dying, no more tears or sighing.

#5 **THORNS**: **John 19:5** "Then came Jesus forth, **wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe**. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!"

Thorns that tore at man's flesh became a crown of pain and suffering for Jesus. **Now we can look forward to a crown of life!!**

#6 **SWEAT**: **Luke 22:44** "And **being in an agony** he prayed more earnestly: and **his sweat** was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." No man ever sweated like Jesus did!!

#7 **SWORD**: **John 19:34** "But one of the soldiers with a spear (weapon of destruction) pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

1. That which kept man from the tree of life, and would have spilled his blood, opened up the fountain of life for mankind.

2. Jesus gave us the "sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17), and His words are "spirit and life" (Jn. 6:63).

3. We don't need the tree of life because we now have the Word of Life and Bread of Life.

CONCLUSION:

A. There are many words that **sinful man** doesn't know and can't under-stand when it comes to their meaning. **They can only be under-stood from experience. For example:**

1. **Forgiveness of sins** through the **love of God**. It is difficult to explain to a sinner.
2. **Peace of God**. A peace which passes all understanding and is full of joy; **a peace which the world cannot give. You can't find it in the world, BUT YOU CAN IN**

ONE NAMED JESUS!!

3. **Christ's Joy**. A joy which is unspeakable and full of glory.
4. **The hope of glory**. One which "*eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man*", but is revealed unto the believer by the Spirit (I Cor. 2:9-10).
5. **Cleansing** from all unrighteousness through the blood of Jesus.
6. **Conscience purged** from trespasses and sins, and dead works.

B. There are many words and terms that you don't want to learn the meaning of by experience. *Such as hell, lake of fire, second death, smoke of torment, weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. Tribulation, Mark of the Beast.*

1. Christ came that you might have life and have it more abundantly. *He stands with out-stretched arms to welcome you and forgive you and give you peace and joy and hope.*

2. Come and accept His offer. **He is right for what ever is wrong in your life.** He wants to love you, there is none above you.

3. Don't wait and have to sorrowfully understand the meaning of terms such as: "Too Late, Eternally lost, no hope, depart from me, I never knew you. Come and hear Him say, *"Well done, welcome home my child!*

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