

E2E: Pt.8

Genesis 3:22-24

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1. Life in the wilderness apart from the paradise of God is brutally hard – but there is purpose in the wilderness journey – in the process they will learn hope & trust. (Genesis 3:17-19)
2. Through sin humans obtained that which we did not have before – a conscious knowledge of good & evil. (Genesis 3:7)
3. Humanity has a new set of choices – do I choose things that please God, or do I ignore it and pursue things that fulfill my own inner urges? (Romans 7:15-19)
4. Adam & Eve know the consequence of evil and the enormous toll it is taking – they will try to fix it.
5. To prevent further consequences, God cuts them off from all access to the tree of life. He demands they seek restoration according to His predetermined way.
6. In the wide assortment of man conceived human religion, there is no god that has ever been invented who is a Savior. All other world religions compel individuals to make themselves worthy.
7. From God's side of the equation, the only point of re-entry to His paradise demands a cleansing of the soul. (Acts 4:12)

HEBREW WORDS

- **Garash** (gaw-rash') to drive out from a possession; especially to divorce: — cast (out), drive away (out), expel, thrust out

QUOTES

“When cultivating the soil, man has before his very eyes both his origin and his future!” ~**Carl Friedrich Keil - 1880**

“Man has that within him which witnesses to his fallen and sinful condition! But not only does conscience bear witness to man’s depravity, -it is also one of the marks of a personal Creator’s handiwork.” ~**A. W. Pink - 1940**

“...He expels our first parents from Paradise, that they might have nothing to divert their attention from that ‘Seed of the Woman’ who was in due time to ‘bruise the Serpent’s head’. ~**Charles Simeon - 1836**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Mark mentioned that while we don't evolve a conscience, it can be cultivated and developed. It can also be atrophied by neglect or degraded by purposefully searing it. (See James 1:12-13 for his take on the "life" or "death" results of our choice patterns.)

- Has your conscience been pricking you about something lately?
- Is there any area of your life now that you are purposefully neglecting or searing with regard to your conscience?
- What do you need to do to continue cultivating and developing your conscience toward greater alignment with God and his ways?

- How have you seen individuals try to "fix" or lessen the consequences of their own sin? How about groups of people, or societies?
- Is there a sin you've engaged in and are experiencing the consequences of that you'd like to reverse?
- How are you currently dealing with it?
- What role is Jesus playing in how you deal with it?

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