



THE COMMON EVIL IN FORBIDDEN FRUIT AND FORBIDDEN MEAT

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Genesis 2:8-9 KJV And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. (9) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:16-17 KJV And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (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.

Genesis 9:1-6 KJV And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. (2) And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. (3) Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. (4) But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. (5) And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. (6) Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Adam and Noah were given very similar commands from God, and you can see a parallel between the two accounts of these men.

COMPARE

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:

Genesis 9:1-2 KJV And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

COMPARE

Gen 1:28 ...and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

Also, that both headed up a creation of sorts, with Noah seeing all mankind destroyed except his family being the second head of the human race.

- But there are a lot more similarities than that, and all accounts actually lead to the cross of Jesus.

Both were given dominion with special significance over cattle, beasts and fowl and man.

COMPARE

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Genesis 9:10 (10) And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

Adam and Eve enter marriage covenant before God, an they sin involving fruit, and are shamed with nakedness.

- Noah enters covenant with God and the rainbow is the token, and he sins regarding fruit and is shamed with nakedness.

COMPARE

Genesis 3:11 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?

Genesis 9:20-23 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: (21) And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

COMPARE

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Gen 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Adam and Eve hear curses from God.

- A curse is mentioned by Noah to Ham's son, since Ham, Noah's son caused him shame.

COMPARE

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Genesis 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

But then there is the parallel between what ADAM COULD NOT EAT AND WHAT NOAH COULD NOT EAT.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Notice that ALL the trees had these two qualities about them.

- But two of them each had something the rest did not have.

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Of all the trees in the Garden, two stand out.

- All other trees could not kill nor give another life, but these two trees each did one of those things.
- When you notice that all the trees were pleasant to the sight and good for food, look at the forbidden tree.

Genesis 3:6 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.

And this one difference WAS THE KILLER!

- Notice that the killing aspect of it was the desire to make one wise.
- EXALT SELF.
- PROMOTE FLESH.
- And it would replace God in one's life.

Genesis 3:5 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.

Take God out of the equation, be your own God and get the same thing!

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And the other tree had something that none of the trees had.

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

You could eat of it and LIVE FOREVER.

All were pleasant to the sight.

- All were good for food.
- But one would give life and the other would give death.

One had something in it that gave death and one had something in it that gave life.

Noah's day comes along and the flood occurs, when God says Noah can eat all kinds of MEAT except one.

- Meat is added to man's food items, since in Adam's day only herbs were eaten.

Both Adam's and Noah's commands involved NOT EATING ONE KIND OF FOOD.

- Adam could have no food with DESIRE TO MAKE ONE WISE IN IT.

COMPARE

Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 9:3-4 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

COMPARE

Gen 1: (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.

Gen 9: (4) But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

BLOOD in the meat was like DESIRE TO MAKE ONE WISE in the fruit.

- It would not cause Noah to die, but in speaking of this one element in the meat there was a note added that God mentioned THAT WOULD CAUSE NOAH TO DIE.

Genesis 9:5-6 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. (6) Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

So there is both the forbiddence to eat certain food and the warning of death in both cases, but in Noah's case God had to combine eating blood with shedding man's blood to get the full picture we find packed into one picture of the forbidden fruit.

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- You do not get the cause of death in the forbiddence to eat meat with blood, but the cause for death is brought into the picture when God adds that blood of animals MUST BE SHED to eat it, but blood of man MUST NOT BE SHED or MAN WILL DIE.

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Both commands to Adam and Noah speak the same spiritual picture, too!

- Desire to make one wise in the fruit EXALTS SELF and REPLACES GOD.
- Blood IN THE FLESH when you eat it represents NATURAL LIFE IN THE FLESH.
- We can try to make natural life a replacement for God's life, and this is a substitute and alternative to God's Life.
- NATURAL LIFE.
- Natural LIFE MUST BE REMOVED so we can have food.
- NATURAL LIFE represents our fleshliness and carnality.
- OUR OWN NATURAL LIFE would be exalted and relied upon if we fell for the desire to make one wise AND THAT WOULD HINDER GOD FROM MANIFESTING THOUGH US.
- WE HAVE TO DENY OUR NATURAL ABILITIES TO REQUIRE GOD'S!
- Eating meat with blood remaining in it is the natural life remaining in it, and shedding that blood represents DENYING OUR NATURAL LIVES since we NEED GOD'S.
- Both forbidden items send the message that they are forbidden because they REPRESENT DENYING GOD'S LIFE AND LIVING BY NATURAL LIFE.
- LIFE must be removed from all animals for food.
- But LIFE MUST NOT BE REMOVED from one creature, man.
- BECAUSE MAN IS THE IMAGE OF GOD.

But Jesus had to shed HIS BLOOD and DIE AS A MAN!

John 6:53-54 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

ONE FRUIT GIVES ETERNAL LIFE (In Garden)
ONE MEAT GIVES ETERNAL LIFE (Jesus)
ONE SHEDDING OF BLOOD GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

Genesis 1:27 KJV So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Adam was the image of God.

- That image would be destroyed if man ate of the forbidden fruit and obtained knowledge instead of life.
- It does not matter if there is good in the knowledge of good and evil, that knowledge kills even if it is of the good.
- Man's thoughts that he can learn good and do good in his own fleshly efforts will KILL HIM ANYWAY in the end!
- You cannot have eternal life in flesh doing good.
- Eternal life only comes from GOD DOING GOOD.

And the same idea of the image of God being destroyed is associated with shedding blood in Noah's commands from God.

Genesis 9: (6) Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

We have to maintain God's image in our lives by remaining in this Garden of the Kingdom, where Jesus is our LAST MAN ADAM.

1 Corinthians 15:45 KJV (45) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was

made a quickening spirit.

Genesis 5:1-3 KJV 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, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Seth MEANS SUBSTITUTED or APPOINTED.

- He was a substitute for DECEASED ABEL.
- In Adam's image.
- We are in Christ's image.
- Even after they're out of the Garden we see contrasts with Cain's lineage and Seth's lineage.

Cain's line goes like this:

1. Adam - Dust of the ground
2. Cain - possession/possessed,
3. Enoch - dedicated disciplined
4. Irad - fugitive
5. Mehujael - smitten of God
6. Methusael -demands his death
7. Lamech - poor made low

And together their names read as follows:

From the dust of the ground, they are possessed and dedicated to being fugitives - smitten of God -- demanding death, and this poor state brings man low.

GOSPEL MESSAGE IN ADAM'S GENEALOGY:

1. Adam: Meaning: Dust of the ground;
2. Seth: Meaning: He set or appointed or replacement
3. Enos: Meaning: Mortal man or fallen man or frail or subject to all kind of evil in soul & body
4. Cainan: Meaning: Sorry or lamenter or possessor or purchaser or one that laments
5. Mahalaleel: Meaning: Blessed God or praise of God
6. Jared: Meaning: Shall come down or descent
7. Enoch: Meaning: Teaching or dedicated or initiated or disciplined or well regulated
8. Methuselah: His death shall bring
9. Lamech: Despairing
9. Noah: Comfort and Rest

MESSAGE: *Dust of the ground <man is> appointed <as> fallen man subject to all kind of evil in soul & body <in his> sorry <and> one that laments <sinful state>, <but the> blessed God shall come down <and> initiated <by the blessed God> his death shall bring despairing <man> comfort & rest <from their sins>.*
