

Creation, Man's Sin, And Salvation

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THE FOOL HATH said in his heart there is no God". Surely none but a fool would use such language. The fool wants to claim that God did not create man—that he evolved from the ape or monkey. But we contend that the first chapter of Genesis is as much the truth as any other portion of the Bible—it is all truth. The inspired word teaches us that "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". God created every living creature that moveth which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and multiply in the earth". And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after his kind: and it was so". In everything that was created there was a design in it. And back of that there was a designer and that designer was God. Nothing comes into being by chance or upon the principle of evolution. God is before all things and by Him all things consist". Now, "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him: male and female created He them".

From these quotations we have ample truth to forever silence the doctrine of evolution. Man is a creature and a creature is that which is created. Adam was the first man and God made him a man. The man was a good man as he came from the hand of God. God blessed him and his wife with all the comforts that earth could afford. Then without force, coercion, man of his own will fell from his happy edenic state under the sentence of a death in trespasses and sins. When he fell all of his posterity fell in him. He was the head and representative of all the family. All of the descendants, just like the first after their fall—all the stream is like the fountain head—corrupt. If a tree dies, the body, branches and all the little twigs are dead—just like the body. When the negroes were sold into a state of bondage all their descendants were in bondage just like their parents— regardless of age. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God". "Death passed upon all men for all have sinned". And in their unregenerate state they cannot work righteousness, seek God, or come to Him; they are without strength, will or power to come to God. All the race is totally depraved and helpless so far as extricating themselves from this fallen state. They may be moral, but that does not element them to live in the spiritual realm. Changing the fruit of a crabapple tree will not change the nature of the tree. The good women may preserve the crabapple but the tree remains unchanged. The reason the crabapple tree bears crabapples is because it is a crabapple tree.

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“By their fruits you shall know them”. The reason a man steals is because he is a thief at heart. An honest man will not steal. He proves what he is by what he does. When certain ones charged Christ of being a devil and casting out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils, they proved that they were of their father, the devil. They never have forgiveness and are in danger of eternal damnation. Gods children are never guilty of charging Christ of being a devil. Those whom Christ redeemed are not in danger of eternal damnation.

All who sin against the Son of man shall be forgiven. The sins of all the Lords children are against Jesus, their Surety, Head and Husband. Their sins were all put away by the sacrifice of Jesus. He suffered for all their sins. He bore them all in His own body. “Blessed are the people whose sins are forgiven” “Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord will not impute (charge) sin”. No sin is charged to them,—it is all charged to Jesus. He paid their debt in full.

Out of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam the Father chose a people to grace and glory. They were given to Christ in covenant and grace given them in Him before the world began. “By nature they were children of wrath even as others”. But His blood cleansed them from all their sins. Their names were written in the Book of Life and all the lost shall be cast into the lake of fire. All the goats, such as Cain, Ishmael, Esau, Pharaoh, Judas, Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, the abominable, murderers, whormongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death. These shall go away into everlasting punishment prepared for the devil and his angels. “Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Da 12:2.)

The doctrine of eternal existence of the righteous and wicked are abundantly taught in the Bible. Resolutions and no act of the sinner will ever qualify him for heaven. All of our sins must be atoned for. Jesus suffered for all the sins of His people and for all the punishment due for them. When all the negroes were under bondage, one act of this great government, one stroke of the

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pen of President Lincoln freed them all at the same time,—those living and those unborn. The atonement of Christ made satisfaction for all the sheep,—all that were chosen in Christ—given to Christ. Jesus suffered for all their sins,—the just for the unjust that He might bring them to God. And every one whom Jesus redeemed, atoned for, reconciled, made satisfaction for on the Cross the Holy Spirit will most surely regenerate, preserve,. teach and comfort through life and take them to heaven. May this be our happy lot.

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