

Two Men Who Lost Great Wealth Adam and Cain

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The sermon explores the stories of Adam and Cain, emphasizing the consequences of their disobedience and the importance of obedience to God.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden. He highlights how they tried to cover their nakedness with fig leaves, symbolizing man's attempt to fit himself in God's presence. However, their covering was not sufficient, and they hid from God when they heard Him approaching. The speaker then transitions to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, emphasizing that He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He invites the congregation to come to Jesus and find rest, peace, and eternal life through faith in His finished work on the cross.

Transcript

But the congregation tonight, I'm so happy to see so many here tonight, so many visitors from different places. You'll get a real warm welcome from my brother Bob later on. But I just have to say this in the beginning that we're so happy to have you with us here tonight for the beginning of our evangelistic service.

So may the Lord bless you and really sing tonight because the bark of palms is noted for its singing. Let us hear what the Lord can do through you in singing these hymns. We're going to sing a chorus I think most of you know.

His name is wonderful and we're going to sing it twice through. Let us stand as we sing this chorus. His name is wonderful.

Now our brother Mr. John Meyer will lead us in prayer. Mark. Shall we look to the Lord? O God our Father, we bow our heads and our hearts in thy presence this evening and thank thee for the theme of our song tonight.

We thank thee, our Father, for these words above us. Jesus Christ is Lord. We thank thee for each one here who can indeed say that they have made Jesus Christ the Lord of their life.

The Father, we have been singing about the way in the last hymn, Look to the Lamb of God. We remember the words of John the Baptist standing by the River Jordan. He saw the Lord Jesus coming and he said, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

O God, we thank thee that that is still true tonight. We thank thee that the Lord Jesus Christ is standing with arms outstretched, beckoning to all who are without him to come unto him and find rest, find peace, find eternal life through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished at Calvary. We thank thee for this, the beginning of the gospel crusade tonight.

We thank thee for bringing our other Sven Christians with us. Our Father, we have had much prayer for this campaign, and we believe and are expecting to see blessing in the salvation of precious souls, in the edification and building up of the church which is his body in this local testimony. Heavenly Father, we commit him and each one of us to thee.

We pray that the Holy Spirit of God may have free course in our meeting tonight. May the wiles of the wicked one be defeated. Grant our Father that Satan will not have his way in snatching away the good seed of the word of God, but grant that it may bear forth and bring forth fruit for thine eternal honor and glory.

For we ask it in the worthy name of he who indeed is worthy, the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen. Thank you, Mr. Maher.

Now, just a very few brief announcements. We are very, very happy to have friends with us. We give you a great welcome.

We'd like you to get to know more about Park of the Palms and our very wonderful Christian fellowship here. We'd like you to sign our guestbook, please, at the back. On the way out, on the right, there's a guestbook.

Sign that. That'll give us your address so that we can send you sometime and tell you about our special meetings here. We've been planning for a long time and praying for a long time about this week's special meetings.

When I contacted our brother, Mr. Sven Christensen, he was way up in Canada, and he was a very busy man. But he just had this week anyhow, and he said he'd give it to us. He couldn't come this morning because he was preaching in Orlando this morning, and he'd have to do that again next Sunday morning.

But he said, we can give you every evening. So then, every night this week, not Saturday, but every other night this week, including next Sunday night, our brother, Mr. Sven Christensen, will be preaching the gospel to you. We want you to let people know.

We have a lot of these little invitation cards. They're out there on the desk as you go out. Take them with you and give them to your friends so that we can get people to know.

Listen to the radio each day, Way Radio and Stark Radio. You'll find announcements about these special meetings. We want everybody around to know.

We've had a telephone calling service going most of the week, and I believe practically everybody in Keystone Heights who has a telephone has been called. And I must tell you, practically everybody, about 80 percent of those who were called said, yes, I'll come. So pray that they'll just do just that, you know.

Anyhow, pray that those who said, there were one or two who said, I can't, no, I'm not coming. Pray that God will make them come. That's all they want.

We want to see God's faithful here this week. Park of the Palms is a wonderful fellowship. We have tremendous Bible ministry here during our winter months, well, all the year, but during our winter months conference.

But we do feel that we lack one thing. That's our gospel outreach. And that's why we organized these meetings this week to make contact with our friends around us to preach the gospel.

So the meetings every night, then, this week. Now we're baptizing all this work with prayer. So every afternoon at 2.30 there'll be a men's prayer meeting here in the chapel.

Perhaps there'll be only two of us here. Oh, during the week there'll be lots more than that. But anyhow, every afternoon at 2.30 a men's prayer meeting for a few minutes to ask God's blessing on these meetings.

I think there'll be a women's prayer meeting, but we haven't got the details yet on that. However, every Tuesday morning at 9.30 in the chapel is a men's prayer meeting, and every Tuesday morning at 10.30 in the lounge a women's prayer meeting. This is regular every week all the year round, and we want you to join us.

Men here at 9.30, and the women in the lounge at 10.30 for prayer. Now Tuesday, this Tuesday, is the second Tuesday in the month, and this is always a special day at Park of the Palms because on the second Tuesday in the month we celebrate all the birthdays of those who have a birthday in that month. So our birthday dinner will be at noon, 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday in the dining room.

We want you to come and join us. We have many reservations already, but we'll have enough food for you even if you don't make reservations, so please come along and join us. This is always a very happy occasion when we celebrate our birthdays and our wedding anniversaries in the dining room on the second Tuesday of the month.

We'll talk more about that tomorrow night, brothers. We have plenty of these bills, I told you, and plenty of the posters. Now, if you haven't got one on the backside windows of your car, or you want two for that, get hold of them on the way out and get them on so that as you travel around, people will know about these meetings.

And if you know of anyone who can put them in their window or in a shopfront window, they're out there for you to take and use. I think these are all our announcements. It's a joy to have everyone here.

We're going to sing again. Mr. Anderson here has other special parts, and then after that our brother Zane Christensen. Mr. Christensen, I think you know what country he comes from.

Do you know how I remember what country he comes from? His wife calls him her Great Dane. So he comes from Denmark, came over as a boy to Canada, and while serving in the Canadian Royal Air Force,

lying on his back one night in his bunk, I think in Egypt, God saved him. And he dedicated his life to the Lord and came back home, went to Emmaus Bible School where he met his very lovely wife Rhoda, and they were married, and they have served the Lord full time ever since.

Did a great work up in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, and so on. I was at Orlando when we invited Zane to come to Orlando, and he's been working there now for some 10, 12 years, and God has greatly blessed their ministry down there. It's a joy to have him with us, and we're looking forward to a wonderful week.

Thank you. Turning our hymn book to number 29, To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done, and after we sing the song, we're going to be favored with a special song from Mrs. Roberts. Greetings.

Hope you're all happy here tonight. Of course, if you're not saved, you couldn't be happy. But if you're really saved, then it's a wonderful, wonderful life.

Now, I want to these next seven nights speak on various subjects, and I want you to help me if you can guess the different Bible characters I'm going to speak on. I think if we get someone that gets all the answers right for the week, we'll have to give them some token of reward, or something like that, for the bookstore. Now, tonight is going to be very easy.

I'm going to speak about, and I think I'll only speak on one of them, but we'll mention two of them, and then make it easy for you. They're both found in the book of Genesis. Men that love great possessions.

Two men. Tomorrow night, Lord willing, I'm going to speak on two markers from comparison and lesson from them. Two markers.

Two men that died. One of them is the old and one of them is the new. Tuesday night.

This is something you nearly all know. Two men who went to heaven without dying. That's easy, isn't it? Wednesday night, two chiefs of sinners.

One of the old and one of the new. Two chiefs of sinners. You may not agree with me, but I'm going to be right this time.

That's who they are. Then Thursday night, three fools of the Bible. These men have names.

Not just the man in Psalm 14, the fool that said in half there's no God. That's not the one. Three men.

Friday night, I want to speak about two shifts. We're leaving the characters in this particular case, but two shifts on the lesson. One of the old and one of the new.

And then next Sunday night, Lord willing, two Jewish kings on whom God pronounced and executed judgment. Two Jewish kings on whom God pronounced and executed judgment. Now who have the men for the night? Two men.

The bold and tenacious. Huh? Then one man lost a great inheritance. Adam.

And the other one was Esau. Wouldn't you agree with that? All right, Genesis chapter three, please. Esau was called a profane person.

You remember, he sold his birthright. And when he tried to get it back, though he sought it for two years, it was of no avail. What a lesson.

But in Genesis chapter three, this foundation chapter of the Bible, the whole Genesis chapter three has more far-reaching consequences than any other chapter in the Bible. You feel the effect of it today. One act.

Man has felt the repercussions of that one act ever since. Oh, what it brought in. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made, and he said unto the woman, Yea, as God said, ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden.

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the tree of the garden, 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. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die, for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be God-knowing, good and evil.

And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was blessed unto the eyes of the tree, that they decided 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 the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed thick leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

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. And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because thou art naked, and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou art naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee thou shouldst not eat? And the man said, The woman who now gave it to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

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. The Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou curseth, above all cattle, and above every beast of the field, upon thy belly shalt thou go, and thus shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I'll put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, and it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I'll greatly multiply thy sorrow, and thy conception in sorrow. Thou shalt bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And on that, 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, curseth it to account for thy faith, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy feet shalt thou eat less, till thou return unto the ground, for of it was thou taken. But dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Unto Adam, also, and his wife did the Lord God lay coats of skin, and clothed them. May the Lord add his blessing to the reading of his holy words. This is a tremendous chapter telling us how man became the way he is today.

Sinner left away from God, explaining to us where all these thistles, and thorns, and the weeds, and all the pests and everything else comes from. All dates back to this chapter. I remember reading a story many years ago.

It took place over in England. A doctor asked for a neighbor, a gardener. It was in the month of June, and the gardener was out there working in his garden, and it was about a stuffy evening.

He was hoeing away, working in the garden, and pestilence was running down his face. And the doctor came by, and he heard him saying, Born Adam, born Adam, born Adam. God said, what's the matter? He said, neighbor, what did Adam do? What if it weren't for Adam, we wouldn't have those weeds.

We wouldn't have all this work to do. Well, he said, if you'd been in Adam's place, you'd have done what he did. No, sir, I wouldn't have.

I'd have been content in all that lovely surroundings that God put him in. By the way, neighbor, I've been intending to have you over for tea some evening. And that gardener looked up with a smile, delightful.

He knew what a good cook, you know, the doctor had over there. And what food he put on his table, a tremendous spread. So they set the date, and on the appointed day, the gardener came in to the doctor all dressed up, and the table was spread with every goodie imaginable on that table.

A large table, heavily set. And it was a balmy June evening. The wind was blowing in through the screen windows, and they sat down there in a delightful setting.

And after the doctor had given thanks, the gardener noticed right in front of the doctor was a little silver dish with a cover on it. And the first thing he wondered was, what's he got in there? So the doctor said to the guy, after you've given thanks, now help yourself. There's everything here on this table.

I want you to just enjoy yourself, with the exception of this little dish here. This is a little thing for me. Well, it did bother them.

He thought, well, what's he keeping from me anyway? After a while, the man came to the door and called the doctor that he was wanted, and he excused himself, and as he left, now he says to his good friend, the message is, help yourself. Really enjoy yourself. Remember that dish, that's mine.

Well, he could hardly contain himself. I wonder what's in there. What could he be keeping from me anyway? Well, it wouldn't hurt the most.

He reaches over, he picks up the dish. And as he picks up the dish, the wind blows and it sweeps the feathers all over the table. Feathers all over food.

He's busy trying to pick them up, and the door opens and the doctor comes in, and he points at him. He says, hello, Adam. This is the heart of me.

I wouldn't do it. My friend, we're not only sinners, because we're sinners to Adam, but we're sinners by nature. Now, I want you to notice a few things here.

First, the theme of this first sin was a beautiful garden, verse eight. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. A beautiful garden, the garden of Eden.

Everything imaginable was there for the good of man. One prohibition, however, that one tree you must not eat of it. But everything else was there for their good.

And I believe, friends, that climate was just perfect. Everything was just perfect for man. He was in an ideal situation.

Couldn't have been better. How different from the place where all Lord Jesus was tempted. Wilderness, a hot place.

When he was hungry at the Holy Days, everything was sort of against him. But this was not so. This was an ideal situation.

Showing that even then, the heart of man is not satisfied with the things that he put at it. Now then, secondly, the source of this first sin. Notice in verse one, now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said. That personal tempt, the personal devil. He came in the form of a serpent, and later on, of course, in the book of Leviticus, he called that old, the devil, the old serpent.

Showing the subtlety of him, the faithfulness of this person. The trickery of him. And I want you to know of this tragedy.

He came to the woman when the man was not around. He attacked her weak of effort. He at once cast doubt on the word of God.

Yea, hath God said. And the devil is still doing it. He's casting doubt on the word of God.

God doesn't mean what he says. Like a preacher one time kept on saying that. He said, now this is not just what it means.

And he'd go on to say what he thought it meant. The little girl afterwards, they asked her, well preacher, could I ask you a question? Yes, dear. He said, if God didn't mean what he said, then why didn't he say what he meant? That's rather good, wasn't it? And God says exactly what he means here.

This is God's word. This is something you can depend on. By one man, sin came into the world, and death by sin.

And so sin is offensive on all men because all men have sin. of the tree of the garden. The woman said unto the servant, we may eat of the fruit of the tree of the garden.

But, now you notice here, this woman, she now changes the word a little bit. Now the Satan, he would question the word of God. He'd get up to question it.

He'd get up to question the goodness of God. Then the next thing he said, and I want to just bring that in too, was, you know, if you would eat of this, you would become like God. God is holding something back from you.

Like that man thought about the silver fish. He thought this man was keeping something back from him. He wasn't satisfied with the well-spread table.

Same as he would happen to the prodigal son. Somebody's companion, somebody else has convinced him, your father and your home, they're holding things back from you. You want to get up and enjoy life, and live it up, and have a good time, and really see what life is all about.

They're holding you, they're holding you down. They're keeping things away from you. And you know, sure the prodigal son, he found out what a fool he was when he was meant by country and rags, starving, wishing he was one of his father's high servants.

My friend, God wants to pay respect for you. God is absolutely good. And then, something else, he questioned God's punishment too.

Look at verse four. And the servant said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. God is such a God of love, you know.

He wouldn't punish anybody. He wouldn't send anybody into hell. I haven't got time to go into it tonight, but we will one of these nights, as we're dealing with these two kings, to show that God will keep his word when he says something, he'll perform it.

And the moment, my friend, Adam and Eve sinned, they died spiritually, just like God said. And later on, they died physically. The Word of God says, The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

That means separation from God. Well, Satan tried to deceive the woman, and he did. He had doubt of the Word of God.

He had doubt of the goodness of God. He had doubt of the judgment of God. And she believes him.

Don't you do it, because God's Word is going to come to pass. Goodness of God has been made manifest because of man's sin. God sent his only son into the world to teach and to save the law.

And it says, He that believeth not is condemned already. He says, He that believeth not, the wrath of God abided on him. And that wrath will come to pass.

The rich man woke up in hell, being a poor man. The Word of God has always come to pass. So we have the source of that sin was Satan.

How he seduced them. Now notice, the first sin was a willful violation of the clear command. The sixth, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, it was flashing to the eyes, and the tree to be desired of it, one wise, she took of the fruit.

There was a willful disobedience. God had told them they were not to eat. And she went in complete disobedience against the Word of God.

She took. She ate. She first saw it, she took, and she ate.

That's how sin works. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life. The same with Satan.

He first saw that wedge of gold in the cruelly Babylonian's garment. He saw it. He desired it.

He took it. What was the result was the outcome, and the sin was found out. He was taken out and stoned.

And so God was true to His Word. When they disobeyed the Word of God, some terrible consequence had happened. And I want just to go on into that.

There's so much here, I'm just skimming over it. But notice the sad consequences from verse seven, right down. The eyes of the boat were open, and they knew that they were naked.

They came to realize that in God's presence now they were naked. And they sowed thick leaves to gather and made themselves able. Now, that's the first test of the man to try to cover himself before God.

This is what man has been doing ever since he's been sowing thick leaves on himself, trying to fit himself in God's presence. You know, they covered them all except for each other, the thick leaves. But when they heard God coming, walking in the cool of the day in the garden, they hid themselves among the trees, and God called out to the way out, and they said, we hid ourselves, and they, why did they hide? They said they were naked.

The covering they had made, they realized that God's height was not sufficient. And tonight, friend, as you've been sowing your own thick leaves on, it may be your religion, may join in the church, getting baptized, doing good deeds, trying to keep the golden rule, being kind to your neighbors, giving to charity, whatever these thick leaves are, my friend, in God's presence, they'll not be sufficient. You'll stand before him as though you have nothing on, nothing but filthy rags.

So the first thing sin brought was shame, a shame to themselves. And sin always brings shame, brings dishonor, brings disgrace, breaks people's health, breaks their character. That's why there's no respect even for themselves.

And oh, what a day we live in today. We have gone a long way down the scale as we're getting farther and farther into the great apostasy. People can no longer blush.

People are no more ashamed of living in open sin. Stand as a righteousness of God for man fresh from the hand of God. As he sinned, he was first ashamed.

And sin will always bring shame and dishonor and heartbreak and sadness. It always does. And it produces a self-worth, you know, self-covering.

Now, people are still doing that. You know, I've talked to many people individually, and I say something like this to them. Now, supposing you died today, and you came up to heaven's gate and the Lord said, now, why should I let you into heaven? What would you say? You know, you'd be surprised how many people would say, well, you know, I think that because I have lived this good life, I've done this, or I've done this, or the other thing, you know, that I don't have too bad a chance.

I say, now, supposing I get up to the heaven's door, and the Lord says, now, why should I let you into heaven? I tell them, well, I've been a preacher for 25 years, preaching the Bible, and counseling people, and trying to help people, and so on, and on, and on. What do you think the Lord would say to me? Well, you should be all right. No, sir.

Why get up there with all this? God would have said, you have nothing but a big pile of filthy rags on. All your righteousness are filthy rags, according to the Bible. The longer you live, the bigger the pile.

The more good works you do, the bigger the pile. Would it surprise you, my friend, if I told you, to get into heaven, you have to be absolutely perfect. You say, there's no one perfect.

That's right. But God has a way to make you perfect in His sight. Thank God.

There's only one way to be made perfect, and it's not by yourself covering. Well, I'll get to that, how you can be made perfect. I don't want to see how it comes out at the end.

Something else that Tim brought in, it was, you know, shifting the blame. Look at verse 11. Who told thee that thou was naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereby commanded thee that thou should not eat? The man said, the woman whom thou gavest me.

Husbands are still doing that. We get it all if they don't get it. What's he doing here? He's blaming God and he's blaming the woman.

It's the woman who still gave me. If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't have been in this mess. It's so hard to get an honest person to admit they're sinners.

If you go into penitentiaries and you talk to most of the prisoners, and they'll all tell you their sad stories. Somebody else did something, you know, that got them involved, but it's never their fault. They're not a good person, you know, in unfortunate circumstances.

Have you ever heard that? Very, very few will admit their guilt. It's the woman who gave me. My friend, if you want to be saved tonight, the first thing you have to own up.

That's one thing that God loved about David. He saved him when he did something wrong. He said, I have sinned.

When the prodigal went to the five months and came to the end of himself, he said, I have sinned. That's what he had to do. He that covered up his sins will never prosper.

So he passed the buck. What did the woman do? The serpent. She said, no better.

Sinners are sinners. Did you ever see some people having an accident? They always blame the other fellow nearly, and if it wasn't that or it was something else, I let them tell. Hmm? And I'll take the blame.

Remember one time I had an accident. I don't know whether this was an accident or not, but somebody came along and said, whose fault was it? I said, mine. He looked at me.

He said, I've never heard anyone say that before. I don't mean that I was so good that I admitted my fault, but it just happened to be that way. But man's nature is to pass the buck.

But my friend, as far as God's concerned, you cannot pass the buck. You are guilty. You are sinner.

Unless you admit it, you can't be saved. Man is what? Suffering. Suffering.

Verse 16, down to verse 19. The woman saw pain and concessions. Hearts were to rule over us.

Sin brings sorrow and pain. Toil will evade the man. Gone is curse.

In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread. Sin brought terrible things death. It brought a cursed crown.

To the Lord Jesus, in order to pay for their heresy, hung on the cross and cursed us as he once stood hanging on the tree. He had made a curse for us. Man, by his sin, brought the curse.

Jesus bared the curse in his own body on the tree. The crown should bring forth thorns and thistles. When they crucified our blessed Lord, they crowned him immodestly with a crown of thorns, produced because the man sinned and brought those thorns to pass from a cursed crown.

My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death, saith the Lord Jesus. Sin brought death, and he hath a text of sin and grace, and died for you and for me, alone and forsaken. My God, my God, why art thou forsaken me? There was no one to pass it on to.

There was only one that could stand and fill the gap. Jesus is the only one that could do it, that could take the curse and the pain and the suffering and all that before the dance brought in because of his sin. Great sweat brought the sweat out of the crown and the God that sent it so that they dropped the blood.

And as he hung the cross from his head and his hands and his feet, that flesh and blood flowed. You have sinned, I have sinned. What is this? His love made him come, of course.

When the Father said, Whom shall I send? Whom will I go? Who will go? Jesus answered, Here am I, send me. I would like to do thy will, O God. That body hath thou prepared for me.

Then he came in the volume of the book as it was written of him. And there in the cross from that body he took all that there could be in shame for you and for me. He tasted death for every man.

Yes? Sin brought separation too. Look at verse 23 and 24. And the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken.

So he drove up the man. The Sunday school children were asked to draw a picture of the seed. And the Mormon children, some of them didn't get quite the thought that God had in mind.

When the boy, he drew a picture of a car with God in the front seat and Adam and Eve in the back seat and driving them out. That's not how he drove them out. Sin separates.

Sin brings death which is separation. As you're not crazy it brings a second death in separation from God. I am glad that God is a great God of love because he's a searching God.

Look at verse 9. I just want to just mention this. And the Lord God called on Adam and said unto him Where art thou? God came and said to them I'm going to just destroy them and start over again. But Adam and Eve were loved by God.

God loved them and God said Where art thou? God is not willing that any should carry but that all should come to the attention. God says you try to dress up yourself and are not good enough but I'll provide a covering for you. Look at verse 21.

And unto Adam also and his wife did the Lord God make coats of skin and clothes them. Now I'm afraid in order to get coats of skin there has to be a sacrifice. There has to be blood shed.

Life has to be given or taken. But Adam and Eve said Take it. But when it comes to the Lord Jesus the life was given.

No man take it upon me I lay it down on myself. The Son of God who loved me gave himself for me. Isn't that the wonderful thing? All the sacrifice in the Old Testament that was dragged to the altar resisting.

For the Lord Jesus he was led willingly and the man was led to the floor not resisting however. He gave himself for me. And in order for him to provide the hope of righteousness the calm of the salvation he had to die for us.

To shed his precious blood. He became thin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. What have I to do? Now there's the answer.

Nothing in my hands I bring. Simply the life costs I drink. The Bible says he has made us accepted in the beloved.

In the Lord Jesus. Let me illustrate it with my glasses. These glasses represent you or they represent me.

Man. All that's hidden that comes from the glory of God. If you lived ever so religiously all your life you could never never become perfect.

You have to be perfect to get into God's presence. Here on this side you have the Lord Jesus. Absolutely perfect.

He died for us. He shed his blood. He's gone back into heaven.

But in dying for us and in his resurrection he provided for us the robe of righteousness. He provided for us a perfect righteousness. Now friend, if you tonight will admit your sin and you'll ask the Lord Jesus to become your Savior and your righteousness you can say with a hymn by the Rock of Ages Let for me let me hide myself in thee.

That's it. What do you see now? Christ. You don't see Sven Christensen any longer in his old righteousness or in his sin.

You'll see him in the righteousness of Christ. God keeps me in Jesus. Accepted as a beloved.

Isn't that wonderful? He restored that which he took and got away. And tonight you can have this glorious re-salvation by coming to him. I say my time is gone.

We didn't get anything about Esau. I'll just say this. Esau represents a man who has a precious soul.

He prayed with it. He sold it. Once that soul is lost my friend no tears will be more than enough to redeem that soul.

There's a picture of that. Once your soul is lost but the Lord Jesus said once you live properly many will be gained the whole world will lose its soul. But what shall he give in exchange for that soul? There's not a thing.

Once that soul is lost. It's lost. Now is the time to be saved.

Behold now is accepted time. Behold now is the day of salvation. The day you'll hear his voice.

Harden up your heart. Be honest tonight. Confess your sin.

That you're lost. You have no righteousness of your own. But Lord Jesus save me and make me righteous.

Make me righteous as God does. Give me thy righteousness. Put your righteousness on my account.

And he will.

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