

Politics and Christian Civilization

Politics after The Fall: Class Four

Review:

Rebellion

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Malum Prohibitum

Malum en Se

How was Adam's disobedience different from Lucifer's rebellion?

Adam to Moses

Even though Adam fell, he still retained memory and knowledge of his relation to God he had in Eden, but his body no longer subject to his mind which was no longer in union with God and thus could not count on Divine assistance to lighten his natural intelligence; in this sense his intellect was dimmed by the weakening of his will and lack of divine assistance to heal the breach.

They lose the grace of original holiness, no sanctifying grace to be regained by Baptism.

The original harmony within men and thus between men and God is broken.

Adam left to govern and lead human race under corruption of sin without sacraments or any structure of government, with dimmed intelligence of NL and no knowledge of DL or supernatural assistance to enforce it = left to lead and from start with all these deficiencies= problems. But did have basic religious knowledge.

Cain and Abel = In them we sin ideas of primitive sacrifice, death, and sin.

"And it came to pass after many days, that Cain offered, of the fruits of the earth, gifts to the Lord. Abel also offered of the firstlings of his flock, and of their fat: and the Lord had respect to Abel, and to his offerings. But to Cain and his offerings he had no respect" (Gen 4:3).

So we see God still talking to men but offering no assistance other than reminding him what is natural and thus to overcome sin by recourse to natural virtues or actual grace:

" Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it" (Gen 4:6). (naturally)

God still blest human beings (David, Moses, Abel, Seth, Abraham etc.) with "**Actual Grace**" but not "**Sanctifying Grace**". Can also be blest with "**Grace of Charisms**" for good of others but no sanctifying grace to participate in divine life in union with God until Christ.

Adam is thus the first law giver = he had knowledge of NL which he did not lose after the fall; he could still think but only with burden of concupiscence. He taught his son liturgy, worship, sacrifice and natural law.

But children were all to be born with original sin. None had memory of Eden, none born with perfect natural intelligence and all under dominion of world, flesh and devil.

Thus, the world quickly fell under the sway of sin with no remedy except natural law, no justification brought by sanctifying grace, no church, no sacraments, no Divine Law.

Cain now a reprobate and eldest son of Adam with strength and authority against a mere baby Seth. Cain already having own children before Adam having any more = sons of Cain versus sons of Adam, or what scripture refers to as sons of God (Gen 6).

Sons of God (Abel, Seth and their line versus sons of men, line of Cain = unfair Cain already over 100 when Seth, first line of Abel born.

Adam 130 when Seth born presumably 33 when Cain born = growth in wickedness multiplying. Cain moved East to Nod and raised a nation of perverts while Adam struggled to preserve the race from which the seed would spring.

If no Adam, there would have been lawlessness (law is a dictate of reason which was dim in Cain). If no law = no power, authority or wisdom to restrain human passions and direct and habituate human beings to their proper end, law in this case not a pedagogue but a perversion of the intellect by passions. Nonetheless, the Adamic Law will be preserved through lineage to Noah.

"Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done."

God had to intervene now or after Noah whole thing would be gone and would have to destroy them all = God's patience. Appears to Noah 7:1

" Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time."

Sons of Noah = whole human race = Semitic, African, Caucasian

FROM ADAM TO NOAH = 10 GENERATIONS

Adam

Cain

Seth

Enos

Cainan

Mallaleel

Jared

Enoch Holiest man taken by God

Mathusaleh

Lamech at 777 yrs appointed Noah ruler and King. Born when Lamech was 182

Noah

NOAH 600 years old at time of flood.

2656 years since creation of Adam

Noah's Sons: Shem, Ham, Japeth. Seed will come through Shem. Generations of Shem:

Arphaxad

Sala

Heber

Phaleg

Ragfau

Serug

Nahor

Terah

Abraham -----Ishmael 1800 BC

Issac

Jacob

Noah lived 350 years after the flood. Human race again falls into sin and God has to divide the nations
From mountains to plains of Shinar.

Nimrod, the grandson of Ham led revolt away from God and led building city of Babylon in defiance of God
and future flood.

It was son of Ham because Ham was punished for seeing Noah's nakedness.

"Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

So he said "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brothers" (Gen 9:23).

FROM NOAH TO ABRAHAM= 10 generations

14 generations Abraham to David, 14 David to Babylonian Exil, 14 Babylonian Exile to Jesus

By time of Abraham knowledge of NL dimmed and forgotten. So bad that even Abraham's father, TERAH was a maker of idols.

Abraham takes brothers son Lot with him and leaves fathers house for purification of desert to found a nation.

Jewish historian Josephus writes that Abraham went to Egypt and brought arithmetic, astronomy, and monotheism there even before Moses.

Abraham was a brilliant and righteous man (scripture says his mother was an upright woman), but has not been given the fullness of Adamic and Noachic religion or lore.

Adamic and Noachic religion about dead, but preserve in one man, – Melchisdek the priest of Salem.

Abraham and Melchisdek = guess was Melc is Shem who became high priest and high King of human race after death of Noah. He transferred Adamic and Noachic religion to Abraham.

Mysteriously offered Sacrifice of bread and wine on Mt. Moriah future site of temple.

The best-known tradition related to Mount Moriah is the Binding of Isaac for sacrifice by his father Abraham foreshadowing sacrifice of Christ on same mt.

Golgotha = place of skull. What skull, tradition = Adam carried in ark by Noah passed on and given to Shem who held mysteries of the faith.

According to Jewish Encyclopedia:

"At the summit of Mount Moriah, reputedly the site of the Temple's Holy of Holies, the supreme embodiment of the relationship between God and the people of Israel."

Jerusalem has two mounts = One for **Temple** and another called **Zion**.

Zion is the highest. Place of last supper and burial place of Jewish Kings.

King David's Tomb (*Hebrew*: קבר דוד המלך (is a site traditionally viewed as the burial place of [David](#), King of [Israel](#). It is located on [Mount Zion](#) in [Jerusalem](#), near the [Hagia Maria Sion Abbey](#). The tomb is situated in a ground floor corner of the remains of the former Hagia Zion, a Byzantine church; the upper floor of the same building has traditionally been viewed as the [Cenacle of Jesus](#) (Wikipedia)

Scripture says from Zion healing grace will go out to the nations, not from the temple Mount, but from Zion where the Eucharist was instituted.

Mt. Moriah: (1) Sacrifice of Isaac, (2) Sacrifice of Bread and Wine and (3) Sacrifices in Temple. All of these are types of the perfect sacrifice of Christ and thus occupy a lower Mt. Christ instituted Eucharist on Mt. Zion = higher than Moriah and on Calvary, He consummated it = Highest of all three Mts.

Jesus will come from loins of **Abraham** through, **Shem** the Son of **Noah** through **Seth** the Son of **Adam**.

Abraham was followed by Isaac and **Jacob or Israel** father of the 12 tribes.

JACOB son of Isaac also has 12 sons one of which, Joseph is taken to Egypt and as a consequence Israel also journeys into Egypt eventually give birth to Moses who will lead his people out of Egypt and establish them as a nation with their own law revealed by God.

Moses the "Law Giver"