
HUMANITY

Talk 3: Rebellion

*"It's time to see what I can do, To test the limits and break through
No right, no wrong, no rules for me, I'm free" Elsa, Let it go.*

INTRODUCTION

Luke 17:26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

1. THE CONTEXT OF SIN

Acts 17:24-28

- The God-ness of God
- The nearness of God

Acts 14:17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

- The word of God

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

2. THE NATURE OF SIN

Genesis 3

a. Denial

- Doubt > Distortion > Denial

b. Defiance

“and he ate it”.

Psalm 51:4 “Against you, you only, have I sinned.”

“Sin is the desire for the autonomy of man. Therefore it is self-deification, getting rid of the Lord God, the proclamation of self-sovereignty. It is killing of God.” Emil Brunner:

“Such is the nature of sin, that if we were in stabbing distance of God we would stab him 1000 times.” Robert Murray McShane.

3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

One action with many consequences

Daniel 9:4-1 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed...we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets...we...are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. ...we have sinned against you.

a. God

Genesis 3:21-24

- Alienation
- Death

“It was unthinkable that God, the Father of Truth, should go back on his word regarding death, in order to ensure our continued existence. He could not falsify himself.” Athanasius, On the Incarnation

- Wrath

2 Thessalonians 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

b. Creation

Genesis 3:17-19

c. Others

Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning. Jeremiah 9:5

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way. Isaiah 53:6

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Titus 3:1

d. Self

- Our hearts are unclean and there is nothing we can do to make them clean

Mark 7

- Our wills are enslaved and we cannot break free

They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” 2 Peter 2:19

- Our minds are trapped and cannot think differently

Ephesians 2:1-4

Our nature has been so deeply curved in upon itself because of the viciousness of original sin that it not only turns the finest gifts of God in upon itself and enjoys them ... it even uses God himself to achieve these aims, but it also seems to be ignorant of this very fact, that in acting so iniquitously, so perversely, and in such a depraved way, it is even seeking God for its own sake. Martin Luther

4. CONCLUSION: LIVING IN ADAM, LOOKING TO CHRIST

a. Living in Adam

- Dead-end solutions
- Dangerous dreams
- Damaged mirrors

b. Looking to Christ

- Real repentance
- Real fruit

Luke 6:43 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. 45 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

- Restored image

Response

Something I've been reminded of:

Something new I've learned:

Something I need to do or change as a result: