

FROM BABEL TO PARADISE

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God placed Adam and Eve in a perfect place called paradise. They were given simple instructions on how to live forever, but they chose poorly. Death overtook them and has done so to every person ever since. James wrote...

JAM 2:26 “ the body **without the spirit is dead**”. Without God’s spirit (that is what was forfeited in the Eden paradise)... the body will certainly die. The same vital choices of life or death remain with us today.

This is how the trouble started... bad choices lead to bad outcomes.

GEN 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **3** 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. **4** And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** *This is the first great lie... once their bond with God was compromised... their life was limited to natural conditions... their spiritual life was forfeited.*

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.** *Up to this point, every thought action and deed was based on loving and caring for each other, as part of God’s eternal and perfect design. Every action was in obedience to God’s will... they were happy and healthy.*

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. **7** And the eyes of them **both were opened**, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. *Their innocence was breached... ego and selfishness were now the driving force of their lives... their uncompromised love for God was now ended. It only took the human race another 1500+ years to defile themselves beyond repair... God then brought the great flood and the 8 survivors were given fresh commands in the same way that Adam and Eve were given their directions.*

What were God’s words at this time of fresh and unpolluted opportunity? The flood ended with this command.

GEN 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.** *Go and rebuild that which is lost and missing. Go and populate the whole earth... spread your knowledge and spread your faith everywhere. Even though the human race got a fresh start, it wasn’t long before the same failings, surfaced once more. About 450 years from the flood, God had to deal with the same type of rebellion that had occurred before the flood (about 2000 years since paradise).* **GEN 11:1** And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. **2** And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. **3** And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. **4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, **lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.** *Rather than go out into the earth, they were intent on concentrating their wisdom and knowledge into one place (Babel), where they decided to build a tower, to signify their superiority... to make a name for their own benefit (same type of mistake that Adam and Eve made). God scrambled their language in Babel (Gen 11:7), they no longer had anything in common with each other and were dispersed and divided.*

Likewise today (the Holy Spirit gospel age), God has scrambled our language also (we speak in tongues, each differing from the other), but this time our spiritual language unites us with God and offers a sign of common purpose. God is bringing us back from Babel to paradise. Like the descendants of Noah, the church is made up of people delivered from a world of rebellious, self-destructive people. Rather than destroy the earth at this time, Jesus made it possible for God to anoint us with his Holy Spirit... bringing paradise back to humanity.

The church has been instructed in exactly the same manner that that Noah and his sons were.

MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** *The spirit isn’t an aid for our life alone... the church is not just a place for religious and social functions... we have a job to do... a commandment to follow. Our focus is on God’s purpose for our lives... spread the word.*

MAT 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. *The Holy Spirit message needs to go into the world. We are called to serve one another, while revealing eternal life to the unsaved and offering mercy to the lost. While this world concentrates on building its own Babel and religion builds its own towers heavenward (Babylon is the same as Babel)... we are back in Paradise. Let’s stay there... because the next judgment is not far away at all.*