



#5 The Need for a Redemption Plan

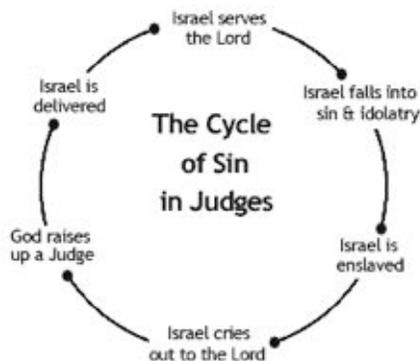
God's kingship and authority over mankind was given to Adam in the Garden of Eden but was subverted to Satan because of Adam's disobedience. Because of this disobedience, man and God's entire creation is said to be in a "fallen state". It's the state of decay that leads to death, and it's a condition that can only be remedied by God. God regained control by becoming man, living amongst us, and living without sin. Now Christ is the ruler not just of today but also in the future.

* Corruption Through Kings

Ever since the fall in Genesis 3, Adam's position as ruler has been passed to Satan. Since then we can see the corruption of mankind displayed throughout the Bible. We see this corruption through the ruling of many different kings. Throughout the history of Israel, there were many bad kings but none worse than King Ahab (1 Kings 16:29-33).

"In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him. He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

- How about the good kings of Israel? Who was more righteous? King David or King Solomon?
- King David: Man after God's own heart. God promised that through the line of David, a Messiah would come to rule Israel.
- King Solomon: Blessed with extreme wisdom. Peace and prosperity through Israel during his reign.
- Result was _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, but there was a cycle of repentance and restoration.



'Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them. But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.' (Judges 2:18-29)

* Corruption Through Mankind

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath". Ephesians 2:1-3

- We have all _____ God's law and this carries with it the penalty of _____.
- We are in bondage to sin and Satan and our payment is _____ and _____ from God. We desperately need someone to redeem us otherwise we are doomed. (Rev. 20:14-15)

* Redemption Plan Through Christ Jesus

In order to have complete restoration, Jesus came to stop the decay and to bring us new life. He became man and to serve as the humble servant King.

Philippians 2:1-11 (God became man-Jesus is the humble servant King)

- Talking about Christ Jesus... Who, being in very nature God, did not consider _____ with God something to be used to his own advantage, but made himself _____ by taking the very nature of a _____, being made in human likeness.
- Humbled himself by becoming _____ to _____, even death on cross.
- Therefore God _____ him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.

Colossians 1:13-20 (Christ raised from dead and rules over all)

- Rescued us from the dominion of _____ and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have _____, the forgiveness of sins.
- The Son is the image of the invisible God, the _____ over all creation. For in him, all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

*** Jesus = 2nd (Last) Adam**

1 Corinthians 15:22,45

22 For as in Adam _____ die, so in Christ all will be made _____.

45 So it is written: "the first man Adam became a _____ being"; the last Adam, _____ spirit.

- Romans 5:12-21 (Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ)

Adam	Jesus
Created a perfect man, have spiritual communion with God	Perfect man/one with God
Initially innocent, sinless and holy	Innocent, sinless and holy
Head of human race	Head of redeemed humanity (died once for all time)
Gave life to all descendants	Communicates life and light to all men and gives eternal life to those who believe
Representing mankind, was given dominion over the created world (Gen 1:26)	After being raised from the dead, was elevated to God's right hand and given dominion over all things
Failed when tested	Victorious over sin, the flesh, and the devil
Disobeyed God	Obedient to death, even death on the cross
Experienced judgment from God, ultimately died and body turned to dust	Died on cross to atone for sin but did not stay dead, on the 3 rd day rose from death by overcoming the devil and power of death

*** Conclusion**

We are all connected with the first Adam (the natural and legal head of the human race) as guilty sinners, and so are included in the death sentence. However, all who are connected with the last Adam, Jesus, through repentance and faith in His redeeming work, are forgiven, received the free gift of righteousness, and have passed from death into life.

It is only by God that the creation of God can be restored. It is only God that can restore man, and only God who can defeat death. For what man has the power to restore creation to its original condition? What man has the ability to remove evil from all mankind? And what man is there amongst us (or that has ever lived) is able to overcome death? There is none but Jesus, the Son of God.

*** Reflection Questions**

- 1) List some concrete examples (from society today and in your own personal life) that the world we live in is in a constant state of decay.
- 2) When is the appropriate time to cry out to God? What are the conditions necessary for Him to respond to our cry?