

TEEN LESSON: THE COST OF DISOBEDIENCE; Theme: LESSONS FROM ADAM

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:10; If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God made Adam and Eve and placed them in a garden, where they had everything they needed. Adam was told that he may eat of any of the trees in the garden except for the tree in the middle of the garden. This was the tree of THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

Maybe you already know the story of how the serpent, who was the Devil, tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God by eating from that tree. Read this story in Gen.3;

What were the consequences of their disobedience?

- They became afraid, ashamed and they hid from God.
- They brought death into the world
- They brought a curse to all their descendants and to all of nature.
- Their lives would now become difficult and they would need to work hard to feed themselves.
- They were evicted from the garden where God had placed them.

But even though Adam and Eve had made a very bad choice, God still loved them and provided for them. God clothed them and gave them a promise to send a Savior.

Gen. 3:21; And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

This was the beginning of animal sacrifice.

Romans 3:23; says that “the wages of sin is death.” In Hebrews: “without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”

Blood of animals “covered” their sin but Jesus; the Savior would die to “remove” the sin of man.

Compare this story to a situation in your life where you have disobeyed a parent or a teacher or someone you love, admire and respect. How did it make you feel? Probably like Adam you were afraid. Maybe you hid from that person. You probably could not look them in the eye. Maybe you lied to them and tried to deny that you disobeyed. You may have made excuses or tried to blame someone else.

Adam tried all these things too.

That act of disobedience stood between you and the person you love. It made you feel miserable and guilty. Until you get it out into the open, “confess,” your relationship is damaged or broken. You need forgiveness in order to restore the relationship.

Adam needed to “confess his sin” before his relationship with God could be restored.

The Bible teaches; “ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:10. (Memory verse)

DISCUSSION: What were Adam’s choices? Were they good or bad choices?

Like Adam, we have choices to make every day. Some choices are difficult. We should consider “the outcome” before we make a choice? For example, What if someone offers you a drug? What are your options and what should you consider before you choose? What are some other choices you may need to make?