

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH #4 **DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE**

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

- Keep in mind that God never _____ (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8), but the manner in which He **tests** man is _____ in every dispensation.
- Also remember that much heresy is a result of truth that is out of _____. (Example: Sabbath keeping under the law vs. in the church age).

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1. Begins: Genesis 1:26

- God made the heaven and the earth, and then He put man in the garden of _____. According to Genesis 1:28, God placed man in charge of everything upon the _____.

2. God's Attribute Revealed: _____

cf. Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25 - "and God saw that it was _____"

cf. Genesis 1:31 - "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was _____."

3. Man's Responsibility: Genesis 2:15-17

- v. 15 - Adam was to _____ and _____ the garden of Eden (this would be considered "light work" by today's standards).
- v. 16 - There was much _____ given to Adam and Eve in the garden.
- v. 17 - A warning about eating from the tree of the knowledge of _____ and _____. Disobeying God's command would result in _____!

4. Man's Test and Failure: Genesis 3:1-6

- Notice the subtlety of Satan: In the conversation with Eve, God's words are _____ from, _____ to, and _____. This is what textual critics do today!

- v. 4 - The serpent told an outright _____ concerning the consequence of disobeying God, then in v. 5 he made it seem as if God was keeping them from something _____.

5. God's Judgment: Genesis 3:14-19

- v. 14-15 - Judgment upon the serpent includes a prophecy concerning his _____ being bruised
- v. 16 - Judgment upon the woman: _____ in childbearing and submission to her _____
- v. 17-19 - Judgment upon the man included the _____ being cursed, having to labor in order to _____, and a coming return to _____ (physical death).

Question: Did Adam and Eve DIE on that day they partook of the forbidden fruit?

Answer: _____! There was a _____ death that took place immediately as a result of eating the forbidden fruit.

6. Types of Christ: Genesis 3:21

- The first physical death that took place on earth was that of an innocent _____. No doubt there was a shedding of _____ in order for there to be "coats of skins."
- cf. 1 Corinthians 15:45-52 - Jesus Christ is called "the _____." Adam was _____, whereas Jesus Christ is _____.

7. Lessons for Today:

- Beware of Satan's _____!
- Instead of playing the _____ game, own up to your _____ and confess it!
- Sin has _____ consequences. It is always in man's best interest to _____ God no matter how pretty the world paints sin!
- Look around today and notice the consequences that _____ from the first sin in the garden of Eden.