

SECRETS UNSEALED PRESENTS: “CRACKING THE GENESIS CODE”

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Cracking the Genesis Code Lecture #07 “The Messiah’s Family Tree”

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Genesis 1:31	Romans 7:18, 19
Genesis 2:16, 17	Romans 7:7
Genesis 3:12, 13	Hebrews 4:12, 13
Genesis 4:8	Romans 3:23
I John 3:12, 15	Romans 6:23
Genesis 6:5	Galatians 3:13
Genesis 6:11,12	Zachariah 12:10
Genesis 8:21	I John 1:9
Genesis 27:41	Matthew 23:25-28
Psalms 51:5	Ezekiel 36:26, 27
Jeremiah 17:9	Jeremiah 31:33
Proverbs 28:26	Psalms 40:8
Matthew 6:21	John 14:15
Exodus 35:21	Matthew 5:8
Matthew 12:34	Psalms 119:9-11
Proverbs 16:23	Ephesians 5:25-27
Matthew 15:19	John 15:3
Matthew 5:27, 28	Psalms 51:1, 2
Matthew 7:16-20	Psalms 51:10

NOTE: Before God gave Israel the Ten Commandments, He reminded them that He had freely delivered them from bondage. In other words, their incentive for keeping the law, was love for the God who had delivered them.

3. What did Jesus say about the relationship between love and His commandments?

“If you _____ Me, keep my _____.” (John 14:15)

NOTE: There is no dichotomy between love and the commandments. When we love Jesus, it will be our delight to keep all His commandments.

Feeding the New Nature

1. How is it possible to gain the victory over sin?

“Your word I have _____ in my heart, that I might not _____ against You!” (Psalms 119:11)

2. How do we come to reflect the character of Jesus more and more each day?

“But we all, with unveiled face, _____ as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being _____ into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

3. What did David ask God for after he committed the horrendous sins of adultery and murder?

“Have _____ upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies; _____ out my transgressions.” (Psalms 51:1)

4. What additional blessing did David ask for?

“_____ in me a clean heart, O God, And _____ a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalms 51:10)

within you; I will take the heart of _____ out of your flesh and give you a heart of _____. I will put My Spirit within you and _____ you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. **(Ezekiel 36:26, 27)**

NOTE: It is not sufficient for God to forgive our sins and leave our heart as it is. When Jesus forgives our sins, He also gives us a new heart. No longer are our core values self-centred. We now live for God and our fellow human beings. We might think of God as a heavenly cardiologist. He does not perform bi-passes or change valves or install pacemakers. The only type of surgery that God performs is transplants!

2. What does God promise to do after He has changed our heart?

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their _____ and write it on their _____; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” **(Jeremiah 31:33)**

NOTE: It is impossible to keep the law of God with our old selfish heart no matter how hard we try. But when God gives us a new heart, He writes His law upon it and as a result, we keep Gods law spontaneously—not because we have to but because we want to.

3. According to Jesus Himself, how was He able to live a life victorious over sin?

“I _____ to do Your Will, O my God and Your _____ is within my heart.” **(Psalm 40:8)**

4. What happens when the law of God is written in the heart?

“Love does no _____ to a neighbour; therefore love is the _____ of the law.” **(Romans 13:10)**

5. What words did God pronounce immediately before He spoke the Ten Commandments?

“I am the LORD your God, who _____ you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of _____.” **(Exodus 20:2)**

“The Messiah’s Family Tree”

Lecture #07

Terrorism, ethnic hatred, workplace and school shootings, child and espousal abuse, corporate greed, wars, sniper shootings, unexplainable diseases, what on earth is happening? If God made the world very good (Genesis 1:31) why is there so much evil? How can society’s ills be cured? Is the solution found in more policemen, better education, more prisons, better legislation? In this lesson we will study the root cause for all the ills of modern society. We shall also discover the only solution to all these ills.

The Perfect World of Genesis One

1. What condition was the world in at the end of creation week?

“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was _____ good.” **(Genesis 1:31)**

2. What type of diet did the animal kingdom enjoy before sin entered the world?

“Also, to _____ beast of the earth, to _____ bird of the air, and to _____ that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green _____ for food.” **(Genesis 1:30)**

3. What kinds of vegetation did God create on the third day?

“And the earth brought forth _____, the _____ that yields seed according to its kind, and the _____ that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” **(Genesis 1:12)**

4. What ethical rule did God lay down in order for creation to continue in a perfect state?

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely _____; but of the

tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall _____ eat, for in the, day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17)

Sin Enters the World

1. **How did Adam and Eve respond to God’s call to obedience?**

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was _____ to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and _____. She also gave to her husband with her, and he _____.” (Genesis 3:6)

2. **How did the entrance of sin into the world affect the vegetation?**

“Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both _____ and _____ it shall bring forth for you.” (Genesis 3:18)

3. **Thought Question: What happened to the animal kingdom after sin entered the world?**

(Hint: Study in Isaiah 65:25 what the animal kingdom will be like when sin is finally abolished).

4. **How did sin affect human relationships?**

Then the man said, “The _____ whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” . . . The woman said, “The _____ deceived me, and I ate.” (Genesis 3:12-13)

NOTE: Immediately after sinning, Adam and Eve began playing the blame game. Each of them “passed the buck” to someone else. Adam blamed God and Eve blamed Serpent. Sin makes us selfish and breaks relationships!

2. **What does the Bible say are the wages of sin?**

“For the wages of sin is _____.” (Romans 6:23)

3. **What did Jesus do to save us from death?**

“Christ has _____ us from the curse of the law, having become a _____ for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)” (Galatians 3:13)

NOTE: Jesus died on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse of death that we deserve. This fact is made clear in texts such as Isaiah 53:4-8 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. That is to say, Jesus died that we might live.

4. **What do I see when I look upon Jesus?**

““And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will _____ on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will _____ for Him as one mourns for his only son, and _____ for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.” (Zechariah 12:10)

NOTE: When we see Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, sweating drops of blood and begging His father, if it be possible, to take away the cup of His wrath; when we hear Jesus crying out to His Father, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” we comprehend a little better the terrible nature of sin and the immense love of Christ who suffered in our place. As a result, our love for Him will increase!

5. **What do I receive when I come to Jesus?**

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from all unrighteousness? (1 John 1:9)

A Change of Heart

1. **What marvellous promise does God make to those who truly repent of sin?**

“I will give you a new _____ and put a new _____

said, "You shall not covet." (**Romans 7:7**)

NOTE: The law is the absolute arbiter of good and evil. Without it we would not be able to discern our sinfulness. The only reason I know that covetousness is wrong is because the law of God says so.

2. Does the law only point out evil actions or does it also detect our inner motivations?

"For the _____ of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a _____ of the thoughts and intents of the _____. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the _____ of Him to whom we must give account." (**Hebrews 4:12, 13**)

NOTE: The Word of God is an expansion of the Ten Commandments. When we sin in thought, motive and intention, the Word of God detects it immediately.

3. What cry did the apostle Paul utter as he saw the sinfulness of his heart and life?

"O _____ man that I am! Who will _____ me from this body of death?" (**Romans 7:24**)

4. What did Paul see as the solution to his terrible dilemma?

"I _____ God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (**Romans 7:25**)

The Gift of Forgiveness

1. How many of us are sinners?

"For _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
(**Romans 3:23**)

5. What did Cain do to his brother Abel after sin entered the world?

"Now Cain _____ with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and _____ him." (**Genesis 4:8**)

NOTE: Whereas love was the rule of life before sin, now hatred took its place. Before Cain committed the act of murder, he harboured hatred in his heart (1 John 3:12-15). The story of Cain and Abel reveals that sin ruined the very core of human nature.

6. In what condition was man's mind and heart immediately before the worldwide flood?

"Then the LORD saw that the _____ of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the _____ of his _____ was only evil continually." (**Genesis 6:5**)

NOTE: This text makes it very clear that evil incubated in the heart before it hatched in evil behaviour. When Adam and Eve sinned, they passed on their sinful nature to their descendants.

7. How did these evil thoughts translate into evil behaviour?

"The earth also was _____ before God, and the earth was filled with _____. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth."
(**Genesis 6:11-13**)

Our Fundamental Problem

1. In what condition are men conceived as a result of sin?

"Behold, I was brought forth in _____, and in sin did my mother _____ me." (Psalm 51:5)

NOTE: What David is saying here is that we are all conceived with sinful natures which we receive from our parents. Without supernatural aid, we cannot do good no matter how much we try. This fact can be clearly seen in the behaviour of infants and children. Even before they reach the age of accountability, they manifest selfishness.

2. According to the prophet Jeremiah, what did sin do to the heart of man?
“The heart is _____ above all things, and desperately _____; Who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

NOTE: When the Bible speaks of the heart of man, it is referring to the core of his nature. It is the seat of his emotions, feelings, decisions, and conduct. It is the center of the core values which express themselves in behaviour. The Bible makes it clear that man is atrophied at his core. Without divine aid, man’s behaviour will be self-centred.”

3. According to the wise man Solomon, what relationship exists between our heart and who we are?

“For as he thinks in his _____, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7)

NOTE: We can express it this way: Our actions are the visible expression of who we are. Another way of putting it is that our internal faith is expressed in external works.

4. Is our own heart a trustworthy guide in ethical decisions?

“He who _____ in his own heart is a _____; but whoever walks wisely, will be delivered.” (Proverbs 28:26)

5. What did Jesus say about the relationship between the heart and money?

“For where your _____ is, there your _____ will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

NOTE: Money in itself is not sinful because it can do a lot of good. It is the love of money which constitutes the root of all evil. (1 Timothy 6:9-10). Jesus was teaching that the act of hoarding money finds its root in the heart.

6. Where do our words really originate?

“Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, _____ good things? For out of the abundance of the _____ the mouth speaks.” (Matthew 12:34)

NOTE: When I Was a child and said a bad word, my mother would wash

out my mouth with soap. Actually, this did not resolve the problem. You see, the bad words came from a bad heart. It was the heart which needed to be cleansed in order for the words to be clean.

7. Where do all our evil acts have their origin?

“For out of the _____ proceed thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.” (Matthew 15:19)

8. Where does the act of adultery really originate?

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.' But I say to you that whoever _____ at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his _____.” (Matthew 5:27-28)

NOTE: The act of adultery is usually the result of a long mental process. Affairs do not happen overnight. If we constantly entertain impure thoughts, the act of adultery will surely follow.

9. How did the apostle Paul describe his frustration with his sinful nature?

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) _____ good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to _____ what is good I do not find. For the _____ that I will to do, I do not do; but the _____ I will not to do, that I practice.” (Romans 7:1 8-19)

NOTE: Have you ever asked yourself: “Why did I say that?” or “Why did I do that?” Have you ever made a resolution to do or not do something, only to fail? This is exactly the way the apostle Paul felt.

The Mirror of our Actions

1. What instrument has God given to help us detect sin in our lives?

“I would not have known sin except through the _____. For I would not have known covetousness unless the _____ had