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THE BRIEF

Brief #106

Adam had the potential to become "a savior"

Previously, it was revealed that Adam had the potential to become "a savior" by willingly offering his life as a ransom that would restore rebellious angels to God the Father. This is not a new concept as the following texts confirm,

Then saviors shall come to mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the Lord's (Obadiah 1:21; cf. Neh. 9:27; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).

Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins (James 5:19-10; emphasis added).

The Apostle Paul reminded God's servants that they will judge angels, just as Adam could have done if he had not sinned,

Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? (1Corinthians 6:3; emphasis added).

Jesus Christ pointed out that his Father's intention in creating mankind was to extend His family, which would ultimately consist of many gods (cf. 1Cor. 8:5),

Jesus answered them (Jewish religious leaders), "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"?" If he called them gods (including Adam), to whom the word of God came and Scripture cannot be broken, "do you say of him (Christ) whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world.



Do you know that we shall judge angels?

You are blaspheming, because I said, I am the Son of God? (John 10:34-36; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

So, Adam had an incredible opportunity to serve others and inherit everlasting life, but first he would have to prove his trustworthiness as it relates to obeying God's word. Prior to coming in contact with Satan, Adam was "an open book". Like the phrase "naked truth", Adam was not trying to hide anything untoward,

And they were both naked (Heb. arom) the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Genesis 2:25)

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:13; emphasis added).

However, following their disobedience of God's command (cf. Genesis 2:16-17), they realized their motives and actions were exposed (*they were figuratively "naked and ashamed"*). Then they attempted to cover up what they had done rather than repenting,

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked (Heb. erom), and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings (Genesis 3:7).

At this point, Christ had to shed the blood of "a sin offering" that would act as a temporary covering for their sin,

For Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics (Heb. coverings) of (animal) skin, and clothed them (Genesis 3:21; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This is when the law of animal sacrifice was added (cf. Gal. 3:19), and it continued until Christ shed his blood to cover the sins of everyone who genuinely repents (cf. Mt. 5:17).