

Man's two sins

Jer. 2:13¹³ "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water

John 4:13

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Two sins have plagued man from the Garden of Eden.

1. Refuse to come to God as the fountain. (Source of life showing dependence to God)
2. Continue to hew out for themselves broken cisterns that cannot hold water. (Independence)

Today's world situation is a result of man independence from God, their hewing out a broken cistern.

The theory of evolution is kind of cistern compensate man's inability to believe God. God, according to the bible spoke all things into existence, but instead of believing man invented a theory and propagated this theory to other unbelieving men rather than come to the source of life Himself. Re-incarnation is another cistern. This theory was hewn out by man to deny the mortality of man rather than believe God as the eternal life who is able to change mortality to immortality. Surely most of us see these hewn out broken theories cannot hold water!

The bible shows us, without a doubt, that God has always wanted us (man) to take Him as our source. God's desire has always been to be the fountain, the source, living water to dispense HIMSELF INTO His people for their satisfaction and enjoyment. The goal of this dispensing is to produce a counterpart as His increase, His enlargement, to be the fullness of His expression.

Now let us take a closer look at these two sins by taking a look at how He created us. Let's take a look at Adam, the first man, the first generation.

Adam is a representative of all mankind. In the creation of man God had some consideration as how he would be created (Gen 1:26-27).

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^{1b} and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

After the creation of man God then placed man in front of a particular tree, the tree of life which is a pre figure of the life of God. He wanted man to take His life for his existence. This was the only way that we could fulfill the meaning of our existence, to represent His attributes through our virtues. But instead man partook of another source, another way – man hewed out another way by taking the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That surely cut us off from God's desire.

Even though man cut himself off from God, He made a way to keep him, preserve him that man could eventually come back to His desire. He introduced man to the matter of substitution and promised that the seed of a woman (a particular seed) would come as the real substitution.

Gen 3:

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[a] and hers; he will crush^[a] your head, and you will strike his heel."

²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

Man's second generation most assuredly continued in these two sins. As seen by Cain. Adam had two sons Cain and Abel. Abel's example of offering to God shows us that Adam told his sons of what they did and what God did. Abel accepted God's provision while Cain chose another way. Cain hewed out a cistern of what he thought would please God. Cain way was proven to be broken not able to hold water.

Gen 4:

³So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. ⁴Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; ⁵but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. ⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷"If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

This seems to be man's story throughout his history, at least his history concerning God. Today these two sins (evils) are still among us.

The Lord Jesus as the reality of the substitute has come as the Lamb of God, to take away the sin of the world and to give us water (satisfaction) Jn. 14:16. He has told us that "no one comes to the Father except through Me". But in our experience we hear all the time that there are many paths to God. We hear it said that God is love (rightly so) and that God wouldn't send any one to hell. Many have said that as long as you are good and try to do the right thing you are okay. Today man has hewn out so many cisterns but according to the bible none will hold any water.

Seemly we are the most miserable of all creation, but the Lord Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me". If we would like to break this plague in our lives we need to take the way that God has given us, Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We need just to take God's way. He is waiting for us to ask, John 4:10 says, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Would you like to take God's way and end the trend of finding your own way to God? In Romans 10, tells us that "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."^[e]

Pray this simple prayer believing: Lord Jesus! Thank You! You came and died for my sins, for many years I have hewn out many ways to justify my life. Today, Lord Jesus, I accept the way God has provided I take you as my fountain my way!

Praise the Lord, the bible tells us we are saved. Don't look for feeling, just believe.

Praise the Lord! We would like to meet you, if you have prayed this simple prayer to help you continue in this new life you have received. I would like to leave you with these verses, they are in Hebrew 10 which say; ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.