

Your need for a Saviour

The main theme of the Bible, is God our Creator speaking to us about His reason for creating—it was to have fellowship with us, the ones He created.

The Bible says that in the beginning there was the Father, his Son, and the Spirit of God, and the three were in a love relationship with each other. When they created us, it seemed right that love would also be the bond between God and us, and so it was. The first man and woman were in an undisturbed fellowship with God, in a beautiful garden called Eden.

However, love requires a choice - it can't be forced - and so man was created with the ability to choose. And there also needed to be another way,



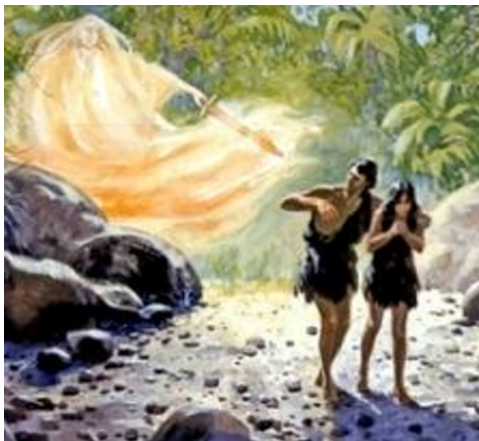
other than staying in fellowship with God, so God created the devil. The Bible says he was the most cunning creature God had made, and God used him to test the two He had created

to see if they would desire, above all, to stay in fellowship with Him. The devil knew very well what he was doing - he took a command that he knew God had given Adam and Eve, not to eat from a certain tree in the garden, and twisted the meaning of the command so that Eve was tempted to taste some of the fruit from that tree. She gave some also to her husband, and he ate.

Then God came into the garden and asked them why they were hiding from Him, why had they covered themselves with fig leaves, and why had they disobeyed Him. Adam blamed Eve and



Eve blamed the devil. God put several consequences in place because of their disobedience, and the worst one was that they would lose their intimate communion with God.



The fact that they could disobey God's direction not to eat of the tree in the centre of the garden, without immediately being struck dead, showed them that they had free will.

The act of disobeying God is called "sin". For those who purposely choose to sin in this life, it means that in the next life they will be eternally separated from

God, with no hope of getting back. The place where they will stay for ever is called "hell".

This loss of fellowship with God has carried on down from generation to generation, with only a few in each generation, seeking to find God. Let's face it, how many people do you know who really enjoy praying to God?

Because God can see ahead, He had a plan as soon as Adam and Eve disobeyed, about how to help men and women find their way back to know Him—He would send His Son to earth in a body just like ours. And so Jesus was born in the same way we are, yet although He had an earthly mother, His father was God. Right from an early age, at least by twelve, Jesus knew what His mission was. His name means "God saves", and His short life on earth of only 33 years achieved that purpose.

You might ask the question, saved from what? Well the first thing is, by believing that Jesus is the Son of God, you can allow Him to bridge the gap that came about in the beginning, and get to know God. Then you will appreciate why Jesus had to die on a Cross and allow His blood to pour from His side, and why they drove nails into His hands and

feet. It was to keep Him on the cross until He died, to demonstrate how much our Heavenly Father wants to see that relationship restored.

In our picture you can see the centurion thrusting his spear into Jesus'



side, which caused a sudden flow of blood and water. There has accumulated so much hatred toward God, so much disobedience, and so much selfish living, that the gap is too great without all this sin being paid for. So you must appreciate how horrible your sin is, and accept that Jesus' blood was given for you too. He expects you to turn away from your sin, follow Him, and find His will for your life.

In Jesus' blood there is forgiveness for you, so the wrath of God does not fall on you when you face judgement at the end of your life. So you can see you really will be saved! When you die you will continue to live in communion with God, and the place where you will spend eternity is called "Heaven".

Now is the time to choose. If you have already found how hollow and meaningless life is without walking with God, then you won't delay in contacting someone who can help you. Or you can ring this number below and we'll find a coach for you.

Be bold, and don't put it off—you do need a Saviour.

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