

. . . God's acceptance is and has always been based on His **Justice or Righteousness**. We need to remember that God Judges with righteousness – Isa. 11:4 **“But with righteousness He shall judge the poor...”** Only a person totally without Sin can enter the Kingdom of Heaven; this actually means that we need a spirit that has never, ever sinned! As the word say's in Luke 13:3 **“I tell you, nay: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”**

Adam and Eve in the Garden, at any time while they were walking in the garden, could have walked into heaven because they were perfect. But God wanted someone more than perfect. Therefore, God set standards and instructed Adam that if he ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge and evil, he would surly die. And we learn that, in fact, Adam and Eve Sinned – Gen. 3:1-7 **“... she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then he eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; . . .”** (Naked as now being void of the righteousness of God's glory that was given man in creation). For the first time they saw themselves through the eyes of sin, not the eyes of righteousness. We need to glean an understanding of just how devastating this curse of sin became to man and God!

Man did not “just” sin. If he had ‘just’ sinned he could have immediately been forgiven.

He did more than “just” sin; his spirit became cursed with a death decree **“You will surly die!”** The Father was speaking of spiritual death. This was a perpetual curse. As soon as Eve and Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, their spirit died because of the curse of sin. (Now, I personally do not believe it was an apple. If anything, it must have been a lemon, as everything went sour after eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil).

Let us all understand that centering on the fruit is missing the meaning of the lesson! We need to understand that Adam's sin was actually not the eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil but rather the disobedience of a direct command of God. This was in fact a choosing of a change of Lordship of

Adams life. He was commanded by the Father to give complete obedience to the Father and in that moment Adam choose to yield to another lord, that of Satan! This 'little' act of disobedience was Adams confession of a change of Lordship in his personal life. Let's think for a moment -- if Eve had eaten the fruit and if Adam had refused her, would sin still have become a sin curse to man? I do not believe so. Eve only disobeyed what Adam told her that God had said. It was the direct disobedience to God's personal command to Adam that became the sin curse to man. We can become in disobedience to the written word of God, but not a personal direct command from God. Just as the direct disobedience of God cursed man, it would take the direct obedience of Jesus to the Father's command (Read Romans 5:17-19) to bring about justification of man. That curse of sin became perpetual and would be passed down from man to man, generation to generation, and soon down to even ME and YOU!

Just how serious is this curse of sin placed in man's spirit? Consider the fact that no matter how small the sin a man commits, it will carry the same curse of death in his spirit as a major sin. The smallest, little 'white' lie he might tell carries the same death curse as murder! Because of this curse of sin to man, committing the little sin is equivalent to committing all sins at once. But even more it was a sin that was beyond the forgiveness of God. It would require more than simple 'forgiveness'!

Find a new born baby rattlesnake and allow it to bite you. You will learn that the bite of that new born baby rattlesnake will be as deadly as his grandfather six feet long!

Now, because of the disobedience of Adam, this act of disobedience became a legal debt! Because of this curse, man's soul now belongs to the master of sin. In fact, now because of the change of Lordship of Adam, Satan became the rightful owner of the spirit and soul of man, and even claming ownership of the earth! You see, eating of the forbidden fruit was not just a simple sin! God deemed this

act a serious crime, and we all must understand that sin now affects all mankind throughout time.

Consider this question: Could Jesus have simply come down to earth, sidestepping the cross, and say to man, "Just believe in me, I will forgive you of your sins and take you to heaven."? Could the Son of Almighty God have done this? ...