

OUR SINLESS YET SYMPATHETIC SAVIOUR – Stephen Wallace (SW)

#4 By One Man's Disobedience

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Made – *kath-is'-tay-mee*, From **G2596** and **G2476**; to *place down* (permanently), that is, (figuratively) to **designate, constitute, convoy**: - **appoint**, be, conduct, make, **ordain**, set.

Matthew 24:45

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Luke 12:14

And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

Luke 6:3

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Luke 7:10

And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

Titus 1:5

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Hebrews 5:1

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

Hebrews 7:28

For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

What gave Adam authority that made it possible for him to ordain, set apart the entire race as sinners?

1. Adam was the legal representative (head) of the entire race. In him the entire race was legally constituted.
2. He was the father of the entire race. By the law of heredity he was to determine the genetic inheritance of all his posterity.

In him the whole race was both legally and genetically constituted. We are all in him as the father of the race.
(SW)

Manuscript 126, 1901

Adam was required to render perfect obedience to God, not only in his own behalf, but in behalf of his posterity. God promised him that **if he would stand the test of temptation, preserving his allegiance to the Creator during the great trial to which he would be subjected, his obedience would ensure his acceptance and favor with God. He would then be forever established in holiness and happiness, and these blessings would extend to all his posterity. But Adam failed to bear the test. And because he revolted against God's law, all his descendants have been sinners.** {9MR 229.1}

Letter 126, 1901

God made every provision in man's behalf, creating him only a little lower than the angels. **Adam disobeyed, and entailed sin upon his posterity;** but God gave His Son for the redemption of the race. Christ took on him the nature of man, and passed over the ground where Adam fell, to be tested and tried as all human beings are tested and tried. Satan came to him as an angel of light, to induce him if possible to commit sin, and thus place the human race entirely under the dominion of evil. But Christ was victorious. Christ was victorious, and man was placed on vantage ground with God. {6MR 3.1}

ENTAIL, v.t. **To settle the descent of lands and tenements, by gift to a man and to certain heirs specified, so that neither the donee nor any subsequent possessor can alienate or bequeath it;** as, to entail a manor to AB and to his eldest son, or to his heirs of his body begotten, or to his heirs by a particular wife.

- 1. To fix unalienably on a person or thing, or on a person and his descendants.** By the apostasy misery is supposed to be **entailed** on mankind. The intemperate often entail infirmities, diseases and ruin on their children.
- 2.** [from the French verb.] To cut; to carve for ornament.

Signs Of The Times, May 19, 1890.8

We have reason for ceaseless gratitude to God that Christ, by his perfect obedience, has won back the heaven that Adam lost through disobedience. **Adam sinned, and the children of Adam share his guilt and its consequences;** but Jesus bore the guilt of Adam, and all the children of Adam that will flee to Christ, the second Adam, may escape the penalty of transgression. Jesus regained heaven for man by bearing the test that Adam failed to endure; for he obeyed the law perfectly, and all who have a right conception of the plan of redemption will see that they cannot be saved while in transgression of God's holy precepts. They must cease to transgress the law, and lay hold on the promises of God that are available for us through the merits of Christ. **{Letter 8, 1895}**

Signs Of The Times, January 8, 1894.5

The fall of Adam was a terrible thing, and the consequences of his sin so fraught with evil that language cannot portray it. By his disobedience of the divine law, the world was thrown into disorder and rebellion. Because of his disobedience, man was under the penalty of breaking the law, doomed to death. {Becho, July 16, 1894}

8 Manuscript Releases 98.1

As a result of Adam's disobedience, every human being is a transgressor of the law, and is sold under sin. Unless man repents and is converted, he is under bondage of the law, serving Satan, falling into the deceptions of the enemy, bearing witness against the precepts of Jehovah. Only by perfect obedience to the requirements of God's holy law can man be justified. Let those whose natures have been perverted by sin, ever keep their eyes fixed on Christ, the author and the finisher of their faith. **{Ms 122, 1901}**

"We do not become sinners because we commit sin. We commit sin because we are sinners on account of Adam's sin." (SW)

Romans 7:14

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

8 Manuscript Releases 39.2

...He was furnished with a holy nature, sinless, pure, undefiled; but he fell because he listened to the suggestions of the enemy; and his posterity became depraved. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. {Ms 20, 1898}

In Heavenly Places 196.2

The moral dangers to which all, both old and young, are exposed are daily increasing. **Moral derangement, which we call depravity**, finds ample room to work, and an influence is exerted by men, women, and youth professing to be Christians that is low, sensual, devilish. . . .

Counsels On Stewardship 24.2

Selfishness is the essence of depravity, and because human beings have yielded to its power, the opposite of allegiance to God is seen in the world today. Nations, families, and individuals are filled with a desire to make self a center. Man longs to rule over his fellow men. Separating himself in his egotism from God and his fellow beings, he follows his unrestrained inclinations. He acts as if the good of others depended on their subjection to his supremacy.

9 Manuscript 237.4, 5, 6

Implacable hatred against God fills Satan's mind. Persistently he has used his influence to efface from the human family God's image, and in its place to stamp his own satanic image. **His effort to deceive our first parents was successful. Made in the image of God, the human family lost their innocence, became transgressors, and as disloyal subjects began their downward career.** Satan gained control of man's power of action. Through the senses he influenced the mind. {Ms 55, 1902}

Thus it has been from the beginning of the world. **Instead of remaining under God's influence in order that he might reflect the moral image of his Creator, man placed himself under the control of Satan's influence, and was made selfish.** Thus sin became a universal evil. And what a dreadful evil is sin! {Ms 55, 1902}

Yielding to Satan's suggestions, our first parents opened the floodgates of evil upon the world... {Ms 55, 1902}

Evangelism 633.4

There is nothing that so much retards and cripples the work in its various branches as jealousy and suspicion and evil surmisings. These reveal that disunion prevails among the workers for God. **Selfishness is the root of all evil.** Letter 113a, 1897. {Ed 226}

1888 1763.1

All sin is selfishness. Satan's first sin was selfishness. He sought to grasp power, to exalt self. A species of insanity led him to seek to supersede God. And the temptation which led Adam to sin, was the false statement of Satan that it was possible for him to attain to something more than he already enjoyed-- possible for him to be as God Himself. Thus seeds of selfishness were sown in the human heart. {Lt 165, 1901}

Upword Look 183.2

Great weakness has come upon the people of God because . . . [some] have left the Lord Jesus, because they have lost out of their lives His Spirit, His love, His rich grace. They have lifted up their souls unto vanity, and have planned in human wisdom, supposing human talent to be their strength. Thus they bring upon themselves weakness and perplexity. In their dependence on humanity, they forget that **men and women are finite, erring, naturally selfish**, and that their planning is sure to be mingled with dross.

Review And Herald, April 16, 1901.5

To a large degree **Satan** has succeeded in the execution of his plans. Through the medium of influence, taking advantage of the action of mind on mind, **he prevailed on Adam to sin. Thus at its very source human nature was corrupted.** And ever since then sin has continued its hateful work, reaching from mind to mind. Every sin committed awakens the echoes of the original sin.

Our High Calling 17

“The sinful nature of mankind is the result of the transgression of God's law by Adam and Eve. “

(Unable to find the above reference quoted by Stephen Wallace. The following was found closest to it)

Bible Echoes, July 29, 1895.2

God gave our first parents a pure and upright character, in harmony with His law; and had they remained obedient, they would have bequeathed the same character to their posterity. But they listened to Satan's specious temptations, and **transgressed this holy law, and the result was death. And the sons and daughters of Adam, instead of coming into the world, as God first made man, righteous and heirs of eternal life, have been the victims of sin and death and woe. This is the result of the transgression of God's law in Eden.**

Review And Herald, September 17, 1895.7

Human nature is depraved, and is justly condemned by a holy God. But provision is made for the repenting sinner, so that by faith in the atonement of the only begotten Son of God, he may receive forgiveness of sin, find justification, receive adoption into the heavenly family, and become an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

Signs Of The Times, April 13, 1891 par. 3

We must not hamper the soul and cripple its powers by the indulgence of selfishness. **Selfishness is sin...**
{Lt 165, 1901}

Youth's Instructor, December 9, 1896.3

All selfishness is condemned by the law of God...

4 Testimonies 496.1

In the human heart there is natural selfishness...

5 Bible Commentary 1138.9

That His people might not be misled by the **selfishness which dwells in the natural heart**, and which **strengthens by self-serving**, Christ Himself set us an example of humility. He would not leave this great subject in man's charge. Of so much consequence did He regard it that He Himself, One equal with God, washed the feet of His disciples [John 13:13-17 quoted].

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Amazing Grace 258.4

To understand this matter aright, **we must remember that our hearts are naturally depraved**, and we are unable, of ourselves, to pursue a right course. It is only by the grace of God, combined with the most earnest efforts on our part, that we can gain the victory. . . .

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Education 29.1

The result of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is manifest in every man's experience. There is in his nature a bent to evil, a force which, unaided, he cannot resist. To withstand this force, to attain that ideal which in his inmost soul he accepts as alone worthy, he can find help in but one power. That power is Christ. Co-operation with that power is man's greatest need. In all educational effort should not this co-operation be the highest aim?

5 Bible Commentary 1128.4

Be careful, exceedingly careful as to how you dwell upon the human nature of Christ. Do not set Him before the people as a man with the propensities of sin. He is the second Adam. **The first Adam was created a pure, sinless being, without a taint of sin upon him; he was in the image of God. He could fall, and he did fall through transgressing. Because of sin his posterity was born with inherent propensities of disobedience.** But Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God. He took upon Himself human nature, and was tempted in all points as human nature is tempted. He could have sinned; He could have fallen, but not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity. He was assailed with temptations in the wilderness, as Adam was assailed with temptations in Eden.

Review And Herald, July 4, 1893. 4

The world in its own wisdom knew not God, and **every human power is naturally, to a greater or less degree, opposed to God.** We are to look to Jesus, and co-operate with heavenly agencies, offering our petitions to the Father in Jesus' name. In this way we shall not turn aside with those who are content to follow the sparks of their own kindling; but by the precept and example we shall make it manifest to the world that we are Christ's witnesses.

1 Bible Commentary 1083. 9

The fall of our first parents broke the golden chain of implicit obedience of the human will to the divine. Obedience has no longer been deemed an absolute necessity. The human agents follow their own imaginations which the Lord said of the inhabitants of the old world was evil and that continually. (MS 1, 1892)

5 Testimonies 515.1

You need to drink daily at the fountain of truth, that you may understand the secret of pleasure and joy in the Lord. **But you must remember that your will is the spring of all your actions. This will, that forms so important a factor in the character of man, was at the Fall given into the control of Satan; and he has ever since been working in man to will and to do of his own pleasure, but to the utter ruin and misery of man.**

Review And Herald, November 3, 1904. 1

Satan came to Adam and Eve with the temptation, "Ye shall be as gods." This same temptation comes to all the members of the human family. **Naturally, man is not willing to be what God desires him to be.** He is not willing to act his part in meekness and lowliness, as did the great Exemplar. Christ laid aside his royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed his divinity with humanity, that he might stand at the head of the human race.

Manuscript 71, 1901. 6, 7

Until the requirements of the holy law were applied as the rule of life, fallen man could not

understand his own guilt, nor realize his condemned, lost condition. Jesus made application of the law directly to the soul, and laid under its jurisdiction the will and desires and works of man. **Wrongdoing and all thoughts and feelings condemned by the law are to be overcome.** ("True Obedience to the Commandments of God," August 2, 1901.) {9MR 235.4}

Messages To young People 154.1

But the infinite sacrifice of God in giving Jesus, His beloved Son, to become a sacrifice for sin, enables Him to say, without violating one principle of His government, "Yield yourself up to Me; give Me that will; take it from the control of Satan, and I will take possession of it; then I can work in you to will and to do of My good pleasure." When He gives you the mind of Christ, your will becomes as His will, and your character is transformed to be like Christ's character. Is it your purpose to do God's will? Do you wish to obey the Scriptures? "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

Child Guidance 475.3

Parents have a more serious charge than they imagine. **The inheritance of children is that of sin.** Sin has separated them from God. Jesus gave His life that He might unite the broken links to God. As related to the first Adam, men receive from him nothing but guilt and the sentence of death.

Psalms 1:5

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalms 58:3

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

3 Testimonies 564.3

I saw that Satan, through his temptations, is instituting ever-changing fashions and attractive parties and amusements, that mothers may be led to devote their God-given probationary time to frivolous matters so that they can have but little opportunity to educate and properly train their children. **Our youth want mothers who will teach them from their very cradles to control passion, to deny appetite, and to overcome selfishness.** They need line upon line and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little.

My Life Today 52.4

Try to live peaceably with all men, and let the atmosphere surrounding your soul be sweet and fragrant. The Lord hears every unwise word that is spoken. **If you will battle against selfish human nature, you will go forward steadily in the work of overcoming hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong.** By patience, long-suffering, and forbearance you will accomplish much. Remember that you cannot be humiliated by the unwise speeches of someone else, but that when you answer unwisely, you lose a victory that you might have gained. Be very careful of your words.

4 Bible Commentary 1154.9

Please read the third chapter [of Jeremiah]. This chapter is a lesson for modern Israel. Let all who claim to be children of God understand that He will not serve with their sins any more than He would with the sins of ancient Israel. **God hates hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong.** (Letter 34, 1899)

Review And Herald, November 29, 1887. 12

Let us open our hearts to the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Let us work cheerfully, joyfully in the service of our Master. A slothful, languid professor will never secure an abundant entrance into the kingdom of God. **From the cross to the crown there is earnest work to be done. There is wrestling with inbred sin; there is warfare against outward wrong.**

Acts Of The Apostles 561.1

None of the apostles and prophets ever claimed to be without sin. Men who have lived the nearest to God, men who would sacrifice life itself rather than knowingly commit a wrong act, men whom God has honored with divine light and power, **have confessed the sinfulness of their nature.** They have put no confidence in the flesh, have claimed no righteousness of their own, but have trusted wholly in the righteousness of Christ.

“There is more to sin than just sinning.” (SW)

Messages To Young People 69.4

The value that God places on the work of His hands, the love He has for His children, is revealed by the gift He made to redeem men. **Adam fell under the dominion of Satan. He brought sin into the world, and death by sin.** God gave His only-begotten Son to save man. This He did that He might be just, and yet the justifier of all who accept Christ. **Man sold himself to Satan, but Jesus bought back the race. . . .**

Signs Of The Times, May 19, 1890. 8

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The Faith I Live By 113.5, 6

Those who . . . accept of Christ are looked upon by God, not as they are in Adam, but as they are in Jesus Christ, as the sons and daughters of God.

We are not to be anxious about what Christ and God think of us, but about what God thinks of Christ, our Substitute. FLB 113.6