The Disruption (The Sin Factor)

In the previous session, we looked at the love of God which gave birth to humanity. We stated that we were born of love; God created us to be the object of His love and affection. We were made for companionship and partnership with God. This companionship would result in relationship and intimacy while the partnership would make us into the vehicle by which the whole of creation is infused with the mind of God. This is the point where we would move on to our second part, *The Disruption.*

Genesis 2:15-17

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was craftier than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Now these are incredible passages of scripture. When God created humanity, He gave them **Free Will** with the intention that their relationship with Him will hinge upon trust. The purpose of humanity in the world is linked to relationship with His maker. Without companionship and intimacy, there cannot be true partnership. This was a principle that the devil was fully knowledgeable of, hence the reason he aimed and often still aims his arrows straight there. He knew that if he could disrupt the relationship, he could frustrate humanity's purpose.

The key word here is **Trust**. God gave an instruction, "Do not … or you will certainly die." The devil responded through the serpent, "You will not certainly die"…on the contrary, God is trying to hold you back from the best thing that could happen to you (Independence- you will have the knowledge in yourself; you will no longer have the need to be dependent if you don't want.)

This is the same problem that we are having continuously till date. The devil works to cast some element of doubt in the hearts of humanity towards God's heart and intention. This doubt is

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always rooted in a **Lie**; a perversion of the truth. This lie now brings about distrust which in return gives rise to rebellion followed by a call for independence.

**Man now imbibed the nature of the devil (rebellion). **

SIN IS REBELLION (The Spirit of Rebellion/ The Nature of the Rebellious One).

Man chose to have in himself instead of in union with God. When humanity's nature became tainted, he was no longer fit for God's purpose.

Genesis 3:23&24 states that humanity was evicted from the garden. God said **NO** to this type of humanity essentially, **THIS HUMANITY MUST DIE!!**

Romans 6: 23[a] "For the wages of sin is **DEATH**."

At the beginning of this session, we stated that humanity was made by God for companionship and partnership. We further stated that companionship and intimacy were essential for our partnership with God since God's intention was that humanity would administrate according to His mind.

What a deep blow the devil seemed to have dealt to God's purpose in humanity. Mankind has been stripped of his purpose and now wanders about as a confused and aimless being. How could God ever get back His purpose in humanity when all seems lost?

We will continue in our next session as we discover God's ultimate solution.

NOTES (The Disruption)

❖ Sin is responsible for ALL the chaos we see and experience in this world.

1. What is the definition of sin, as learnt from this lesson?

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2. Why did God give us free will?

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3. What is the essence of sin?

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4. What is the result of sin?

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