

Tragedy of Disobedience



Activity

Adam and Eve began life in a paradise, the Garden of Eden. God placed only one restriction on the freedom they enjoyed. By disobeying the commandment of God, our first parents created the pain and adversity we now experience. How do you suppose human history would be different if Adam and Eve had not disobeyed their Creator?

Biblical Insight

What kind of person is described in Proverbs as a “fool”? A fool is a man who does not fear God. This fear can be more aptly described as reverence. Remember the stories from the Bible of those who feared God, and their reaction. John, Ezekiel, and many others fell to the ground. They prostrated themselves before the Angel of the Lord in fear of God. They recognized their own unworthiness and the place and importance of God. The immediate reaction of the Angel of the Lord was to tell the men to stand up and take heed to what was being said or shown.

The fool lacks reverence, and he shows his foolishness in his disobedience to God’s commands. Deuteronomy 30:15–18 lists God’s promises for those who obey Him. His promises

are life to the obedient, death and destruction to the rebellious; life and increase and blessings for the obedient, but death and curses for those who turn to other gods.

Composition

Second Chronicles 36:15–23 records serious repercussions of disobedience in Israel’s history. Briefly outline the sequence of events from the following verses.

verse 15 _____
verse 16 _____
verse 17 _____
verse 18 _____
verse 19 _____
verse 20 _____
verse 21 _____
verses 22,23 _____

Evaluation

Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. What lesson in the past did you learn or fail to learn from?

Discussion

What kinds of tests of obedience do today’s high school students face? What can Christian young men do to prepare themselves for these tests?

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A: Answers will vary.

- C: verse 15 God made many attempts to communicate with His people.
- verse 16 The Israelites rejected God’s messengers and His message.
- verse 17 God used others to bring destruction upon the Israelites.
- verse 18 God took back all the riches of His blessings.
- verse 19 God saw to it that all they had built for Him was destroyed.
- verse 20 God spared a remnant and sent them into exile until they repented.
- verse 21 God restored their land.
- verses 22,23 God used another to restore His people and His work.

D: Answers will vary.

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