

# The First And Second Adam

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Pastor Allan:

The 1st & 2nd Adam

It is quite amazing the similarities or the types in the garden of Eden with our walk in the Lord or with Jesus Christ or even the types in the garden of Eden with the Tabernacle and the Church.

It's quite amazing what's there when we have a good look.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:45-47

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.

Pastor Allan:

And so we see the two types as pointed out clearly to us in the above scripture – Two Adams. There was a first and second Adam.

Of course that which comes first is the natural or the flesh. We all start out in life in the flesh (born after the first Adam) and it's not until we're born again that we become spiritual (born after the second Adam – therefore Jesus).

So I just want to look at some similarities there in the book of Genesis.

As we get into this I really want you to bare in mind the situation and the wonderful place Adam and Eve found themselves in...

They were literally in paradise.

They had everything laid out for them.

The Lord God had formed and put them into a special place.

This place was protected from the outside world - because as we shall read later on when Adam and Eve fell from grace they were driven out of the garden and there was placed Cherubim's and a flaming sword, which guarded the way back.

The Cherubim's and the flaming sword were placed Eastward in Eden. There was only one way back you see... The Garden of Eden must have been fortified or surrounded by cliffs or something. It was hedged about!

So while they were in this situation they had it all laid out before them and they had this relationship with God.

The Lord gave them commandments.

He spoke with them.

He walked in the garden with them.

He had this relationship with Adam whereby Adam named all the animals and all these type of things were going...

Every tree was good to the eye, good for fruit and good to eat. They had it all!

And they also had access to the tree of life. While ever they were in this situation they had permanent access to the tree of life. Do you know that it was never off limits?

The only commandment God gave them was that they could not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Yet the tree of life is sitting there ready for them to eat of it any time they liked. It was always available – because God's plan for us was always that we should live forever.

That's how it started – his plan was that he would have a relationship with mankind.

You know – sometimes I think how stupid could they have been?

Adam and Eve have got the tree of life there where you can live forever and they go and eat of the other tree.

How silly... You've gotta be thick!

We can think that...

Why would you do that?

Why wouldn't you eat of the tree of life first?

Why? Why? Why?

But sadly when you look around the world today it is happening again...

The tree of life is still available – that tree of life is Jesus Christ.

Sadly – millions refuse to eat of it!

Jesus said... "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no part in me."

And the whole bible story starts off with this perfect, wonderful situation in paradise for mankind with eternal life there to be had... and then the tragic fall from that as a result of Satan's lies. With his subtlety... listening to the negative.

Take note of the way Satan deceived...

Did God say that? Did he say you would die? No... You won't die. Go on... eat of it.

Listening to Satan... What happened? Death!

Death was introduced and the whole Bible story from that moment on is about the way back. A way back into this wonderful place. A way back to the tree of life.

It's guarded by the Cherubim's.

It's guarded by the flaming sword.

And we'll look at those things later...

We see the Tabernacle structure built and it's by no coincidence that the way back was through the same East gate. It's not by coincidence that Cherubim's are all over the Tabernacle fabric and curtains and that Cherubim's sat facing each other looking over the ark of the testimony.

Guarding the way back to the tree of life.

It's not a coincidence! The whole Bible story is showing mankind the way back into this wonderful situation and praise the Lord that everyone who is born again has found it...

We've tasted of the tree of life – Jesus Christ.

We have the wonderful fruit to partake of in paradise.

So let's start reading the story...

### Scripture:

Genesis 2: 4-7

These [are] the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and [there was] not a man to till the ground.

But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Pastor Allan:

Already we see a few things here... There was no one to till the ground.

The Lord had to make someone to do this... to till the ground.

How many times do we read in the New Testament that OUR job is to till the ground?

We are told to go out and sow his word... How many times have we read that we reap what we sow?

Also in our personal life... We are told to break up our fallow ground. Therefore soften up the hardness in our life and let the word of God come in. The seed... penetrate and grow.

You know... in New Testament times, God has formed a people to till the ground.

You and I. That's our job – to go out and sow the word... to go out and preach the gospel. The field's are white already to harvest – we have a job to do.

We're farmers – bringing people into the kingdom of God.

He formed man out of the dust of the ground and he breathed into his nostrils and man became a living soul. The breath of life!

This has happened to us in the New Testament.

This is the first Adam that we are reading about here remember... The earthy... The natural... The fleshly... However the second Adam is the spiritual... and the Lord God breathed into us the breath of Life when he filled us with the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures tell us that he quickened our mortal body. That doesn't mean that we became quick all of a sudden or fast... It means that he enlivened us. We become alive through the Spirit.

In the New Testament when Jesus was talking about the urgency of receiving the Holy Spirit to his disciples... It says he breathed on them and said receive the Holy Ghost.

The Spirit (which is from the Greek word pneuma) means the wind or breath.

It is the breath of God – When you receive the Holy Spirit you have been in-breathed with the life that God gives...

We can see the similarities here in the garden... we've become living souls. All of us who have experienced the in-filling of the Holy Spirit can testify that we were dead before we received the Holy Spirit.

We were dead in trespass and sin... We didn't know what it was like to live. We've tasted of life now because God has formed us – the potter and the clay – he's got us now and he's formed us now and we now walk in our new spiritual life thanks to the breath of God that has made us living souls.

### Scripture:

Genesis 2:8

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

### Pastor Allan:

So he has planted this garden and once again I believe that it was fortified... Protected by natural things such as cliffs so that there was only one way in.

So it is with the church.

There is only one way in... By one Spirit we are baptized into the body. You have to be filled with the Holy Spirit... You must be born again because there is only one way into the kingdom of God.

All the types in the Old Testament such as the Tabernacle clearly demonstrate that there is only one way in... It had a fence around it.

It was the fence of separation and you couldn't get in unless you went through the one door – and that door is Jesus Christ.

The scriptures when talking about the children of Israel – again in type – the church!

They were hedged round about – they had a watchman and a tower... Same as the Church, we're hedged about. The Lord protects us and he's put us here...

You see... He has formed us and he has placed us into his Church.

We read on...

### Scripture:

Genesis 2: 9

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

### Pastor Allan:

As I said before... There it was all laid on for them... It's all there. We in our modern society rushed about think this would be great... Parked in a garden somewhere with all that laid on for us.

But the most important thing about this place is that they had this relationship with God – that's what made it special.

Every tree that is good to the sight and good for food... You know when we come to the Lord in his Church he has given us all the stuff that's good to eat.

The fruit of the Spirit... We come into this prosperous garden so to speak and we've got the fruit of the Spirit the gifts of the Spirit – it's all laid on for us.

The tree of life also... We have access to the Lord and to eternal life.  
That's the promise!

We just don't turn up to Church for the sake of it. We want to live  
forever don't we?

Amen!

We want to get into this wonderful position that Adam and Eve had.  
And we have... We've found our way back to the Lord. We've found the  
way back to accessing the tree of life.

What's sad there is the subtlety of Satan.

Paul in the New Testament pleaded with the Church folk in Corinth –  
Don't be deceived... Don't be removed from the simplicity that is in  
Christ Jesus as Satan through is subtlety beguiled Eve.

Subtle... It creeps up on you. Let's not turn aside.

### Scripture:

Genesis 2: 10-14

And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it  
was parted, and became into four heads.

The name of the first [is] Pison: that [is] it which compasseth the  
whole land of Havilah, where [there is] gold;

And the gold of that land [is] good: there [is] bdellium and the onyx  
stone. And the name of the second river [is] Gihon: the same [is] it  
that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

And the name of the third river [is] Hiddekel: that [is] it which goeth  
toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river [is] Euphrates.

Pastor Allan:

We sing a chorus don't we? There's a river of life flowing out from me...

We come to the Lord and the promise is there that out of our innermost being will flow rivers of living water. When Jesus was speaking to the lady at the well and he said to her that if she had asked him for water he would give her drink whereby she would never thirst again.

The living water from Jesus will allow you never to thirst again. There is a river of water going through us – it is the life flow of the Church – it is Jesus Christ!

Scripture:

Revelation 22: 1

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Pastor Allan:

What a description... It makes you feel like reaching out and having a drink right now. You can envisage this beautiful crystal clear water and you want to drink it.

Here we are right at the end of the Bible and it's amazing that it finishes almost exactly as it starts with this precious river of water.

Scripture:

Revelation 22: 2

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

Pastor Allan:

Now that's an unusual tree. Not only is it the tree of life of course and it heals the nations.

It's always green... Every month of the year it's okay – it never goes out of season.

Scripture:

Revelation 22: 3

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name [shall be] in their foreheads.

Pastor Allan:

The name of the Lord shall be in their foreheads!

How many times do we hear about the mark of the beast?

We don't hear very much about the mark of the Lord. There is a mark of the Lord...

And of course it's the Holy Spirit... In Ephesians it talks about the down payment... The deposit for our inheritance.

The mark of the Lord in our foreheads... In our minds!

What happens with the mark of the Lord? The river of life is available... The tree of life is available... The way back into paradise!

Jesus didn't die on the cross so we could just show up on a Sunday and play churchie... He went and died there so that we could live forever.

Jesus died so that we could once again have access to this wonderful place that God originally planned for us.

Satan undid a lot of work. He set this spiraling disaster of a world into place when Adam and Eve listened to him. Death, destruction and all of these things came about because Adam and Eve listened to him.

However everything that's happened through the scriptures, everything that has happened in history through the Lord has been to defeat and conquer Satan and death.

The ultimate victory we read in the scriptures and the last enemy defeated is death.

The Lord is going to win. Sometimes we think why couldn't it have been done instantly?

We don't understand these workings but we must realize that it's a major thing... It's taken all of these thousands of years of history to undo the evil and hopefully as we see in the scriptures we may see the ultimate event yet to come to pass – the return of the Lord.

Let's go back to Genesis...

### Scripture:

Genesis 2:15

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

### Pastor Allan:

This reminds us of the parable of the good Samaritan where the guy was stripped of all his raiment and left there to die. The priests and the Levites go the other side, they avoid him, they don't want him.

Then along comes the Samaritan who takes care of him and then takes him to the inn to be cared for...

Well the Church is the inn full of good Samaritans and it is our responsibility to look after people by putting on the ointment – the oil, which is the Holy Spirit.

To be out there preaching the gospel. The Lord has put us here (in the church – the garden) not to just look at the view. He didn't put Adam in the garden just to admire the view... He was there to dress it and to keep it.

That terrible four letter word called work... A lot of people don't like the idea of work however the Lord has given us a job to do hasn't he?

We are to work in his kingdom. Heaven's got a bad name out there because people think all you do is sit up there on a cloud somewhere playing harps. How boring! Who wants to go to heaven if that's all it's about?

But it's more exciting then that and the Lords put us here to do a job.

### Scripture:

Genesis 2: 16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

### Pastor Allan:

We know God doesn't lie don't we?

Yet here Satan is telling Adam and Eve that God is a liar.

Here they have the commandments of the Lord.... We need boundaries... we really do... it is for our benefit to know what the limits are.

We generally are creatures of habit and we test the boundaries. Our kids do it to us and we do it to our Father in heaven - we keep testing the boundaries.

Do you know that various studies have shown that kids actually like having boundaries... They feel more comfortable knowing what the

boundaries are... knowing what is right from wrong rather than to be left to their own devices.

Sometimes you think – Oh... here's a commandment – Thou shalt not. People don't like that... But here we are speaking of a relationship with the Lord... He is giving instruction that will give eternal life.

The Lord's telling them – Don't do that or you'll die.

But what did they do? They went and done it anyway...

And the Scriptures tell us in the book of John that Jesus said 'If you love me keep my commandments.'

Words are cheap. We can all say I love you. We can all confess Jesus with our mouth... we can all talk up a storm... However if we love him we will keep his commandments.

And if we're half smart we'll keep his commandments because we want to live forever don't we? We certainly don't want to do the opposite.

We read on...

### Scripture:

Genesis 2: 18-22

And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought [them] unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that [was] the name thereof.

And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Pastor Allan:

Again this is a type of the Church. Here from Adam the Lord has caused a deep sleep.

This happens doesn't it? You know I see a young man when he falls in love with a girl and he becomes useless for months... He walks around in some sort of a daze. He is with you in body but his brain is always thinking of the girl – he is some sort of stupor (laughter).

But it's great to find a help meet isn't it?

However this really is pointing to the Church. Think about it... We are a part of the Lord's body and a deep sleep came upon the Lord didn't it? When he was placed in the grave for three days and nights.

And we're result of that... The Church... The bride of Christ... the woman.

From the Lord came his Church, we are espoused to the Lord we read.

We continue to read...

Scripture:

Genesis 2:23-25

And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Pastor Allan:

Let's continue with this theme for a minute...

Scripture:

Ephesians 5: 28-33

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife [see] that she reverence [her] husband.

Pastor Allan:

We are bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh!

This is what the Lord has done. Just as the first Adam said this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh so too it is with the second Adam and as a result the Church has become the mother of all living.

The similarities are just marvelous... We too leave in effect our mother and father or our old ways or our old teachings and we now cling to the Lord.

We become one with the Lord. One mind, one body, one spirit. The Father and the son make their abode in us... we have become one... joined to the Lord and to each other.

So again we see what happened to the first Adam in the flesh being a type or a shadow of the real thing which the second spiritual Adam brought to pass.

Let's go back to Genesis...

### Scripture:

#### Genesis 3: 1-6

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

#### Pastor Allan:

The subtlety here... It looked good... It was pleasing to the eye. And Satan was contradicting God... Oh you won't die.

And it can be a bit like that for us. You can cop a lot of negativity in your walk in the Lord. Arghhh... what do you do that for? Arghhh... that's nonsense... you'll cop it.

It'll only affect you if you listen to it.

Scripture:

Genesis 3: 7-9

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou?

Pastor Allan:

Do you know the same thing is still happening today?

Mankind continues on in sin and as a result continues to hide from God.

It's sad when sin comes into your life... You want to run, you want to hide from God.

They had the perfect relationship with the Lord. And what a question – Where are you!

Where are we in our walk with the Lord!

It's always easier to point the finger at others but let's apply these scriptures to ourselves and ask the question.

What if God came to you personally and said to you right now – Where art thou?

Have you being praying to the Lord? Or is he asking where are you?

Make sure we are doing the right thing because sadly many are in hiding because of sin.

## Scripture:

Genesis 3: 10-13

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

## Pastor Allan:

Something amazing happened here. They were in this perfect relationship, total harmony, and fantastic place to be when now all of a sudden they know about good and evil... they've sinned and they've disobeyed the Lord...

And look at the immediate results... They start accusing one another. The scriptures tell us that Satan is the great accuser... He is the father of all lies.

We're told that Satan is cast out of Heaven. The Accuser of the brethren he is called and he's gone... cast out. That's his attitude... that's what he does. He likes sowing discord.

What happened to poor old Adam and Eve when they listened to Satan and start going down his path? They accused one another. Their relationship is on rocky ground all of a sudden. They are blaming each other for something that has gone on.

They were both guilty but both said it was someone else's fault.

We know that we come to the Lord the accuser is cast out of our life.

We continue the story...

## Scripture:

Genesis 3: 14-15

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

## Pastor Allan:

That's talking about the Lord. That's talking about his seed – the Church. There will be enmity between us and Satan... He shall not prevail against the Church. He hasn't got a hope because Jesus bruised his head.

I can just imagine Satan sitting back all smug... He's got Jesus on the cross... He's killed him... Ha ha ha...(an evil laugh) – victory! You could imagine the smug look and the celebrations and then 3 days later Jesus rises from the dead.

Defeat! Satan's greatest weapon – death – wiped out... No longer of any effect, because Jesus came and rose from the dead.

Satan was bruised and now he knows he hasn't got long left. He is like a roaring lion we read in the scriptures going about seeking whom he may devour. Telling fibs everywhere...

Accusing people everywhere. That's what he done in the book of Job didn't here?

When he was asked... ' What do you think of my servant Job' he replied sarcastically... Oh he's got this and he's got that – if you take that away from him he'll be no good. The great accuser... Thank the Lord it's not like that any more because he has been cast out of the kingdom of God – he has no power in the Church.

Scripture:

Genesis 3:16

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Pastor Allan:

And it's talking about the Church again... You know, sometimes it's painful bringing children into the kingdom of God? You get laughed at... you get mocked. You invite people around for tea and they don't turn up... all sorts of things happen and it can be painful bring people into the kingdom of God.

But it's worth it. Isn't it ladies? When you have gone through all that pain isn't worth it when you have that child? Yeaahhh... (Laugh). When they're 40 and left home it's all worth it...

It's talking about the Church again when it says the husband shall have the rule over the woman. The Lord has the rule over us. He is the head of the Church. We don't rely on any individuals. We don't rely on any fancy words or gimmicks – The Lord and his power is what we rely upon.

But you know what? It is worth it bringing children into the kingdom. It is worth copping a bit of persecution. It is worth going through a bit of sorrow and a bit of pain if that's what it takes to get them in here to live forever.

Scripture:

Genesis 3: 17-19

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.

Pastor Allan:

Death... as the Lord had said. You eat of that tree and you die.

Sometimes people get confused because Adam lived until he was 930 years old. Yet we read in the Scriptures that one day is as a thousand years to the Lord. They died before that day was up. This day thou shalt surely die... It wasn't their lot... It didn't have to be their destiny.

They were placed into that Garden so they could live forever but now they return to the dust of the ground.

Scripture:

Genesis 3: 20-21

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Pastor Allan:

Now God never ever ceased to provide... Jehovah Jireh our provider. He is first introduced as our provider in the Garden of Eden. He laid it all on for them... food and everything.

Then in sin God showed what he is going to do in the future – He made a covering for that sin and that covering we now know is Jesus Christ.

Scripture:

Genesis 3:22

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Pastor Allan:

What a disaster it would have been! Have a look now at how evil the world is... The crime, the corruption and so on... There are some terrible things happening now but what if man (in this sinful and wicked state) could live forever as well?

How bad would that be under the current situation? How much more evil would we be? If we could live forever AND be bad - then we could do what we like. No wonder the Lord said – Quick, get them out of here!

While they're sinners... while they're like this ... get them out of here – imagine them living forever. It would be horrendous the state of this world if the Lord didn't drive them out.

Scripture:

Genesis 3:23-24

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Pastor Allan:

Of course we know that in the Tabernacle the way back was through the East gate. They were driven out eastward – the tree of life was behind them in the west. The gate of the Tabernacle was to the east and they had to walk in heading west.

This was showing the way back to the tree of life. The Tabernacle had all of these Cherubim's everywhere... They embroidered... they made these things. The Cherubim's over the Ark of the Covenant were guarding the way of the tree of life. Over the mercy seat – over Jesus Christ!

A flaming sword... When you first read that it says it was flashing everywhere and you immediately think of swords – plural. But it doesn't say that – it says sword – one flaming sword and that sword is the word of God.

I know some of the young fellows in our assembly have been talking about Angels. I have no idea what they have come up with but I'll throw this one in just to spin you out.

In the New Testament Angel just means messenger. You remember when Peter was in the jail and they were praying for him then Peter was miraculously delivered from jail and came knocking on the door where they're all praying for him?

Think about it... They are actually praying for his release and it happens and he comes knocking on the door. The maidservant comes down and is startled to find out that it's Peter... She doesn't bother opening the door in her excitement she flies back up to the other's (who are praying for Peter to be released) and tells them Peter is at the door.

They respond that it can't be Peter it must be his angel. Now people read this and start thinking wow – his angel. But if you remove our modern thinking and read, as it should be it simply means messenger.

He's in jail – he's obviously sent someone to tell us something. Sometimes we read these things and let our imagination run wild with something that's never there in the first place...

Cherubim's... Guarding the way. I don't know what Cherubim's are... But I know what they are doing... They are holding the word of God – the flaming sword – protecting the tree of life. The Way Back....

That's what we do... Are we Cherubim's?

We've got the flaming sword... Are we the Cherubim's who are embroidered all over the Tabernacle guarding the way back in – over the mercy seat showing the way back to the Lord?

We hold the flaming sword and we're out there flashing it everywhere trying to get people to come back in through the right gate.

The flaming sword IS the word of God and the Cherubim's IS his Church and this is how people can find the way back into the wonderful presence of God and eternal life...

One more thought to finish up with is that when Adam and Eve were put out of the Garden of Eden they died... There was death outside the camp...

The first Adam died outside the camp and we will see now that the second Adam did as well...

We can take this on board ourselves and realize that there is death outside the Church or the blood covering of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Like the children of Israel on that night in Egypt when all the firstborn were going to be killed they had to have the blood of the lamb and they had to remain inside under the covering and protection provided by the blood of the lamb.

The Lord's returning... Let's make sure we're inside and covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Scripture:

Hebrews 13: 11-13

For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

Pastor Allan:

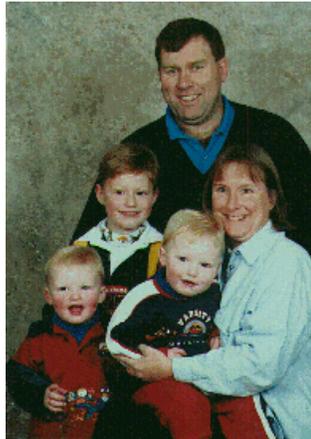
So we see Jesus died without the camp and because he did we now have the wonderful opportunity to have a personal relationship with God.

The story of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam is a marvelous one and I hope you got as much out of it as I did.

God Bless.

Allan Wilson

## Our Lord Jesus Christ Is The Same Yesterday, Today & Forever And In These Modern Times Miracles Still Happen ...



A special thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for his powerful healing hand which enabled us to have children and to my church [The Revival Fellowship](#) for all their prayers and support...

Let me explain...

My name is Allan Wilson and in December 1986 I became a born again Christian, I was [baptized](#) by full immersion and received God's [Holy Spirit](#) with the Bible evidence of [speaking in tongues](#)...

I once was a compulsive gambler, however through the power of Jesus Christ my life changed dramatically, with gambling, smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and swearing all ceasing within the first few weeks of my conversion...

In 1990 my wife Michele was also born again.

After 10 years of marriage we seemed never likely to be able to have children, however through the loving prayers of our brothers and sisters in the Lord we were blessed with our first born son Samuel in 1995...

It was then the doctor discovered she had very advanced endometrioses (a condition which can cause infertility and miscarriages), despite this medical condition the Lord was doubly

gracious, with Michele giving birth to twins Benjamin and Nathan in 1998...

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