

## **A World without Adam: The Problem of Sin**

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### **What if Adam Never SINNED...???**

*Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— ...death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. Romans 5:12, 14*

- **Can We Blame ADAM for the Mess We're In?**

*And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... 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 of it you will surely die." Genesis 2:9, 16-17*

- **Should We Blame GOD for the Way Things Are?**

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.*

*Genesis 1:27, 31*

*The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Genesis 3:13*

- **God Made Humanity GOOD But TEMPTABLE...**

### **Understanding the HUMAN Predicament: The ANATOMY of Sin**

*Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James 1:12-15*

- **God TESTS Us, But Never TEMPTS Us**

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.*

*Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4*

**Tests Reveal What's On the INSIDE...**

- **Temptations Play on Our Fundamental WEAKNESS.**

*But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay. Psalm 40:17*

*Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:17*

**Temptations Prove We Were MADE to NEED God**

*...for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again... Proverbs 24:16a*