



~ Where Your Heart Is ~

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.” – Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

In the beginning, Adam was a very blessed man. His best friend was God. He fellowshiped with Angels and lived in a beautiful garden home made just for him. But to top it all off, God had given him a help-mate, a partner that was just like him. He had given him a woman. Eve was undoubtedly the most beautiful woman that ever existed because she was formed perfect by God Himself. Adam fell in love with his beautiful bride and felt his life complete.

However, Adam neglected to guard his heart. He allowed his feelings for Eve to slowly climb higher than his own regard for God. We all know the story. Eve was deceived thru a serpent by her own pride and it moved her to sin.

What do you think went through Adam’s mind when Eve brought him the forbidden fruit? Adam knew what was right and what was wrong. Here is where we see where his heart truly was. Somewhere along the line he forgot how good God was. Somehow he stopped believing that God loved both of them more than they could comprehend. If he was horrified at losing Eve, how much more was God?

Adam decided that life in sin with Eve was better than obedience to God. At that moment, it seemed worth the cost. He didn’t trust God enough to believe that God would take care of the situation without him jumping into sin with Eve. God knew Adam’s love for Eve because He created that love. He made Adam in His own image and Adam’s character reflected God. Yet, Adam must, too, pass the test of his heart. Would he choose Eve or would he choose God? We know the ending.

Sometimes we gloss over what Adam endured as a result of his choice. If he had stayed strong and put his heart in the hands of Christ, his bitter road would have not been so bitter. He would not have endured the near millennium of pain and suffering he received. He would have seen God rescue Eve and save her from her sin and received the reward obedience always brings.

However, because his heart was with Eve more than it was with God, he watched death overcome the earth in every corner. Nothing remained untouched. Death, pain, and sorrow were everywhere. He lost physical contact with his best friend. No longer could he commune face to face with Christ or Angels. He lost his second son to murder and his first son to alienation because of being a murderer. Words cannot describe the pain Adam bore to his

grave because of what his choice caused himself and the world around him. He realized the real cost of his actions and knew if he could do it all over again, he would have made different choices.

What about you? Has your heart found you in a tough situation? Have you found that someone or something has taken God's place in your heart? If you have found yourself in Adam's shoes ready to jump in, today is not too late. God can help you make the right choice and place your heart back in His hand. Ask God today to "give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; [He] will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [He] will put [His] Spirit within you and cause you to walk in [His] statutes, and you will keep [His] judgments and do them." – Ezekiel 36:26-27

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