

## Lesson Six: End of time on this Earth

Just as parents set guidelines for their children to grow up righteously in this life, from the beginning of time God our Creator, wrote commandments for humankind to be obeyed in the ways of life on this earth. However, as children oftentimes break rules and receive punishments, so too because the very first commandment given to the first man and woman who were created was disobeyed, God punished both of them.

From the beginning, “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” (Genesis 2:16–17).

As a result of this disobedience by the first two humans, the outcome was disastrous for all humankind: death. From the very beginning, the first humans chose not to believe the word of God. Since the beginning of time, because of this disobedience, the earth was cursed:

“And unto Adam [God] 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’” (Genesis 3:17).

To this day, humans continue to die on this earth, and will continue to die until the day that Jesus returns to this earth with the final judgment of God.

Today, God is pleading with us all to repent and come to remission of our sins so that we may inherit *life*. God declared, “For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye” (Ezekiel 18:32).

Now, many among us do not take the events of time seriously and are quick to brush off the word of God as a fable, fairy tale or fiction. Such undisciplined thinking not only demonstrates a lack of knowledge of the word of God but, more a lack of will for life. The warning of Jesus to the generation when he was here on earth still oscillates today:

“And he said unto them, ‘Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God come with power’” (Mark 9:1).

The mere mention of those words “taste of death” should send chills into every one of us to take heed of this bleak warning of the coming end; as Jesus also said, “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:12).

Those who have not chosen Jesus have chosen instead to be a friend of the prince of this world, whose end is perdition in the lake of fire, which is everlasting condemnation.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Galatians 6:7–8).

God cannot be misled and requires that all come to repentance and remission of sins. “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

For more wisdom and understanding on this lesson read Passage to Paradise: Time is coming to an End.

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