

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2007**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Twenty-two

**Their Past—God’s Intention in Our Creation,
Satan’s Plot in Our Fall, and God’s Solution in His Promise**

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:26; 2:7-9; 3:1-7, 15; 12:7-8; 14:18

- I. God’s intention in our creation was for us to be a vessel of God, a container of God, in the image of God for the glory of God by the divine dispensing of God to carry out the eternal economy of God with the ultimate goal of making us the masterpiece of God—Gen. 1:26; 2:7-9; Isa. 43:7; 2 Cor. 4:7; Rom. 9:21, 23; Eph. 2:10; cf. Dan. 5:23:**
- A. The image of God is Christ, so man was created as a vessel according to Christ to contain Christ; if man does not contain Christ as his treasure, he is a senseless contradiction—Col. 1:15; 2 Cor. 4:7; Eccl. 1:2, 14.
 - B. Because man was created for God’s original intention, he unconsciously desires Christ, the Desire of all the nations—Hag. 2:7.
 - C. Because all things were created in Christ (in the power of His person), through Christ (as the active instrument), and unto Christ (for His possession), and because the entire created universe coheres in Christ, the creation declares Christ as the glory of God with His eternal power and divine characteristics—Col. 1:16-17; Psa. 19:1-2; Rom. 1:20-21, 25; Acts 14:15-17; 17:23-31.
 - D. The purpose of God hidden in God’s heart in His creation of man was His eternal economy, His eternal plan, to dispense Himself in His Divine Trinity into man’s “human trinity” so that His divine attributes would be expressed in man’s human virtues for His eternal glory—Job 10:13; Eph. 3:9; 1 Thes. 5:23:
 - 1. The purpose of our spirit is to contact God—John 4:24; Gen. 2:7; cf. John 20:22; 2 Tim. 3:16.
 - 2. The purpose of our soul is to express God—2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 1:8; 2:5, 13.
 - 3. The purpose of our body is to glorify God—1 Cor. 6:20; Phil. 1:20; 3:21.
 - E. God, the “One who inhabits eternity,” created man with a human spirit to see Christ as the vision of eternity, to live Christ as the life of eternity, and to minister Christ as the work of eternity—Gen. 2:7; Prov. 20:27; Zech. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 1:17; 2:22; Rom. 1:9; Isa. 57:15; 66:2:
 - 1. The function of the conscience enables us to know what God justifies and what He condemns, what is life and what is death—Rom. 2:15; 9:1; 8:16; Heb. 9:14; 10:22; Acts 24:16; 2 Tim. 1:3.
 - 2. The function of the fellowship is for us to contact God, worship God, and commune with God—John 4:24; Eph. 6:18a; Rom. 1:9.

3. The function of the intuition is to have a direct sense of God and a direct knowledge from God, regardless of reason or circumstance—Mark 2:8; 1 Cor. 2:11; 2 Cor. 2:12-14; Rom. 8:6; cf. S. S. 7:4.
- F. God put eternity in man’s heart; eternity is “a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy”—Eccl. 3:11 (Amplified Bible); Psa. 73:25-26:
1. Our heart is a composition of all the parts of our soul—the mind, the emotion, and the will (Matt. 9:4; Heb. 4:12; Acts 11:23; John 14:1; 16:22)—plus one part of our spirit—the conscience (Heb. 10:22; 1 John 3:20).
 2. The purpose of our heart is to be filled with the eternal love of God, the heart of God, that we may love God in order to be mingled and incorporated with God—Jer. 31:3; Mark 12:30; John 14:23; cf. 2 Sam. 9:1-13.
 3. The exercise of the spirit works only when our heart is active; if man’s heart is indifferent, the spirit is imprisoned within and is unable to show forth its capability—1 Pet. 3:4; Matt. 5:3, 8; Ezek. 36:26; Psa. 78:8; Eph. 3:16-17.
 4. The heart is the entrance and exit of life, the “switch” of life; if the heart is not right, life in the spirit is hindered, and the law of life cannot work freely and without obstruction to reach every part of our being; though life has great power, this great power is controlled by our small heart—Prov. 4:23; Matt. 12:33-37; cf. Ezek. 36:26-27.

II. Satan’s plot in our fall was to spoil and usurp us in order to frustrate God from fulfilling His purpose in us—Gen. 3:1-7, 24; 1 John 3:8; John 8:44:

- A. Satan approached the woman by touching her mind, causing the human mind to doubt God’s word; he stirred up the human emotion to dislike God; and he seduced the human will to choose the tree of knowledge; thus, Satan injected his evil thought, feeling, and will into man’s mind, emotion, and will to contaminate man’s entire soul—Gen. 3:1-7.
- B. In the process of man’s fall, man failed to use his spirit to contact God, thus bypassing God and putting God aside; instead, he exercised his soul, reasoning with the serpent in the mind, desiring the tree of knowledge in the emotion, and deciding in the will to take the fruit and eat it—v. 6; cf. 2 Cor. 10:3-5.
- C. Satan as sin entered into the human body to be the evil in man’s flesh (Rom. 5:12; 7:17-18a, 21, 23) and alienated man from God by deadening man’s spirit (Eph. 2:1, 5, 12; 4:18).

III. God’s solution in His promise was that He would come in Christ as the seed of the woman to bruise the head of the damaging serpent—Gen. 3:15:

- A. The seed of the woman is the incarnated Christ, the complete God becoming a perfect man through the dispensing of Himself into humanity in order to destroy Satan and to save the believers in Christ from sin and death—Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:20-21, 23; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14; John 12:24; 19:34; 1 Cor. 15:53-57.
- B. Ultimately, the seed of the woman is enlarged to include the overcoming believers, the stronger part of God’s people, signified by the man-child; the Lord as the leading Overcomer is the Head, center, life, and nature of the man-

child, and the man-child as the following overcomers is the Lord's Body—Rev. 12:5-9; 3:21; 1 Cor. 12:12.

- C. In order to become the corporate seed of the woman, we need to respond to Him in His heavenly ministry of intercession—Heb. 7:25:
1. The glorious intercession that Abraham made before God was a human, intimate conversation between two friends, an intimate talk according to the unveiling of God's heart's desire—Gen. 18; Rom. 4:12; 2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23; 1 Tim. 2:1, 8; Isa. 59:16.
 2. As Abraham was enjoying sweet fellowship with God, he received a revelation from Him regarding the birth of Isaac and the destruction of Sodom—Gen. 18:9-22:
 - a. This shows that God's intention is to work Christ (the real Isaac) into us, to bring Christ forth through us, and to destroy the "Sodom" in our home life, our work life, and our Christian and church life—Gal. 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19; 1 Cor. 5:8; Rom. 5:17.
 - b. In our intimate fellowship with God we receive the revelation that all the impossibilities become possibilities with Christ—Gen. 18:14; Luke 18:27.
 3. As we participate in Christ's interceding life, we live a life of faith—a life of the altar and the tent to "fight for the brother"—Gen. 12:7-8; 13:3-4; 14:13-18:
 - a. An altar is for worshipping God by offering all that we are and have for God's purpose; dwelling in a tent signifies that we live the life of a sojourner on this earth—Psa. 43:4; 84:3; 1 Pet. 2:11; Heb. 11:8-10.
 - b. The apostolic ministry in cooperation with Christ's heavenly ministry "fights for the brother" by interceding for the saints according to God and His economy and by ministering the processed God into the saints for their overcoming supply and enjoyment—7:25; 8:2; John 21:15-17.