

THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S SALVATION

Lesson Fifteen

The Consequences of Man's Fall- Man's Body Becomes the Body of Sin and Death

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Scriptures: Rom. 6:6, 12, 13; 7:24, 18; 8:23; Gal. 5:16; Gen. 3:19, 19:8; Matt. 11:23-24; 2 Pet. 1:4, 5; 2 Tim. 2:22

Aim: To help the children see that the body needs redemption because it has become a body of sin and death.

Memory Verse: Rom. 7:15

Story: The Judgment of Sodom (Gen. 18:20-21; 19:12-29)

Background: When God first created man, He gave man a wonderful body. It was to contain our soul and spirit. The body was not even to grow old and die. But after the fall, the spirit became deadened, the mind darkened and corrupted with vain thoughts, and the body a body of sin and death. Genesis chapter 3 shows us that the body will eventually go back to the earth.

Content:

A. Man's body becomes totally corrupted.

1. Romans 6:6 mentions "the body of sin". From sin the body is also a body of evil deeds (7:18, 19) and a body of lust (Gal. 5:16). Today's society is filled with evil and lust such as dancing, movies, many TV programs, obscene novels and pictures, divorces, and abnormal relationships between man and woman.
2. Romans 7:24 mentions the "body of death". While the body of sin is strong in sinning against God, the body is weak in doing things that please God. Is it hard for you to pray? Do you get sleepy when coming to the Word of God? Do your parents have to drag you to the children's meeting? Often our Spirit is willing but the flesh, (the fallen body), is weak. Since man has sinned, he has to die. It seems that with each day gone by, he is closer to death.

B. Corruption is a tide. It is difficult to withstand a tide. For example, the tide of watching a TV show can sweep the young and old alike. When all are lying, can you tell the truth? The tide is like a sweeping flood. Can you stand against the tide or do you join the same flow and get swept away? When one offends God, he often says, "I can't help it!" or "Everybody is doing it!"

C. God will judge the world as He judged Sodom, but more severely (Matt. 11:23). You need not be afraid, however. God has called us out of this wicked world unto salvation (2 Pet. 1:4). The judgment time will even be a time for this body to be redeemed (Rom. 8:23).

[Caution for the teachers: Our children at their age may be going through a bodily change. We should not get them confused and instill any sense of guilt due to their natural growth. The body of sin and death is with each of us since birth and will be so until the day of redemption.]